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To Drew Theological Seminary: J. A. Boatman.

To DePauw: H. F. Hurlburt.

To Boston University: W. F. Clapp.

To Iliff: C. L. Tennant.

III.

JOURNAL OF THE CONFERENCE.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

FIRST DAY.

OSKALOOSA, IOWA, September 8, 1897.

Opening.—The Fifty-fourth Session of the Iowa Annual Conference met in the Central Methodist Episcopal Church, Oskaloosa, Iowa, September 8, 1897, at 9 A. M., with Bishop James N. FitzGerald, D. D., presiding. After the singing of a hymn and the reading of the Scripture lessons by the Bishop, J. B. Hill and G. W. Byrkit led in prayer. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by the presiding elders and others.

Roll-call.—The roll was called by the Secretary of the former session, and the following members and probationers answered to their names: F. W. Adams, Richard B. Allender, James H. Armacost, Morris Bamford, George W. Barber, John F. Barnett, David C. Bevan, S. F. Bishop, J. A. Boatman, Alexander Boyd, Boaz M. Boydston, Richard Breeden, John Bridges, E. C. Brooks, A. E. Buriff, George W. Byrkit, George F. Cannom, John W. Carson, J. C. Caughlan, W. C. Chew, W. L. Clapp, Charles Coggeshall, Richard Collier, Charles E. Corkhill, W. F. Cowles, J. C. W. Coxe, W. H. Dillon, Edward E. Doud, Daniel S. Dunlavy, W. M. Erskine, Charles W. Evans, George Filmer, J. W. Fraker, W. S. Gardner, Hiram F. Gilbert, W. N. Groome, John W. Hackley, Aaron W. Haines, W. N. Hall, Elias Handy, John Hanks, Joshua B. Hardy, Peter J. Henness, William H. Heppe, Arthur B. Hightshoe, John B. Hill, Peter C. Hogle, T. B. Hughes, Hardy A. Ingham, Latham Ingham, W. B. Ireland, Warren A. Jackson, W. R. Jeffrey, William H. Jones, I. O. Kemble, A. V. Kendrick, J. C. Kendrick, W. S. Kight, J. W. Lambert, John W. Lewis, W. A. Longnecker, W. H. Mahaffie, A. M. Mahaffie, W. B. Marsh, H. C. Millice, C. H. Montgomery, W. S. Moore, T. J. Myers, J. E. Newsome, C. R. Norton, Thomas Osborn, H. R. Osborne, R. L. Patterson, J. R. Payne, David C. Phillips, J. W. Pool, G. W. Pool, Thomas S. Pool, John Potter, W. N. Potter, J. W. Potter, C. W. Powelson, I. B. Schreckengast, E. L. Schreiner, H. B. Scoles, B. F. Shane, C. W. Shepherd, E. J. Shook, D. C. Smith, U. S. Smith, C. L. Stafford, Darwin F. Stiles, W. P. Stoddard, C. L. Tenant, I. P. Teter, Samuel Thero, S. H. Thomas, W. G. Thorn, A. E. Thornley, G. M. Tuttle, W. C. Van Schoiack, James E. Vanwinkle, Edmund H. Waring, Renix Weese, Charles H. Westfall, C. F. Williams, C. W. Wilson, W. G. Wilson. Total number present, 109.

Probationers.—David G. Abbott, Wade C. Barclay, Fred C. Demorest, G. H. Hanawalt, D. R. Martin, W. S. Shearer, J. H. Taylor, Fred B. Tucker, W. W. Williams. Total, 10.

Election of Secretary.—I. P. Teter moved that the Secretary be elected by ballot, and that the first ballot be informal; and W. F. Cowles moved, as a substitute, that C. L. Stafford, the former Secretary, be elected by acclamation. The substitute was lost by a count vote of 43 in favor and 44 against, after which the original motion was carried. Tellers were appointed, and the ballot was taken, after which the tellers retired to count the vote.

S. H. Pye, of the St. Louis Book Concern, was introduced, and addressed the Conference in the interest of the Book Concern.

The tellers announced the vote as follows: Total votes cast, 100; of which C. L. Stafford had 50; J. C. W. Coxe, 31; E. H. Waring, 4; J. C. Willits, 5; I. O. Kemble, 2; F. W. Adams, 2; E. C. Brooks, 2; J. W. Lewis, 1; G. W. Byrkit, 1; C. W. Shepherd, 1; J. W. Hackley, 1.

Vote Taken for Secretary.—Another vote was taken for Secretary, and the tellers retired to count the ballots.

Dr. Hamilton Introduced.—Dr. J. W. Hamilton, one of the Secretaries of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, was introduced, and addressed the Conference in the interest of that work.

Tellers Reported.—The tellers reported the vote taken for Secretary as follows: Whole number of votes cast, 109; of which C. L. Stafford had received 57; J. C. W. Coxe, 42; and 10 others scattered; and C. L. Stafford's election, on motion of I. P. Teter, was made unanimous.

The Secretary nominated, as his assistants, J. C. W. Coxe and W. H. Heppe, and these were elected. F. W. Adams was elected Statistical Secretary and C. V. Cowan Assistant. C. W. Shepherd was elected Conference Treasurer.

Bar of Conference.—The bar of the Conference was fixed to include first ten rows of seats in the three middle sections.

Introduced.—Dr. W. V. Kelley, of the *Methodist Review*, was introduced, and addressed the Conference in its interest. H. B. Scoles was appointed to canvass for subscribers for the *Review*.

Standing Committees.—The Standing Committees, as nominated by the presiding elders, were confirmed as follows:

Auditing Committee.—E. S. Daly, A. E. Thornley, J. E. Newsome, W. A. Jackson, W. N. Groome.

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Itinerant Club.—C. L. Tennant, H. N. Smith, E. C. Brooks, L. Ingham, W. N. Hall.

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Iowa Methodist Church and Parsonage Insurance Company.—C. S. Cooper, George W. Byrkit, E. L. Schreiner.

Conference Incorporation.—On motion of E. H. Waring, the question of the incorporation of the Conference was referred to a Committee of Five, and E. H. Waring, C. W. Shepherd, T. B. Hughes, A. V. Kendrick, and E. L. Schreiner were appointed the said Committee.

Change in Committee on Conference Relations.—On motion of D. C. Smith, the name of J. E. Corley was substituted for J. W. Lambert on the Committee on Conference Relations.

Drafts.—Drafts on the Book Concern for \$1,022, on the Chartered Fund for \$22, and on the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church for \$20, from the bequests of Attilia F. Chrisman for \$1,475, and of Caroline Clark for \$475, were ordered, and turned over to the Board of Stewards.

Times of Meeting and Adjourning.—The times of meeting and adjourning were fixed at 8.15 and 11.45 A. M., the first half-hour to be a devotional service.

Committee on Memoirs.—E. H. Waring, A. V. Kendrick, and R. L. Patterson were appointed Committee on Memoirs.

Thirteenth Question.—The Thirteenth Question was taken up, and G. M. Tuttle, presiding elder of Burlington District, was represented and passed, and read his report, and the following effective elders of the district were represented and passed: J. M. Coates, H. F. Hurlburt, G. B. Swartz, E. S. Daly, J. W. Carson, B. M. Boydston, George Filmer, J. C. Willits, A. E. Buriff, G. W. Barber, M. J. Pusey, A. S. Loveall, W. P. Stoddard, C. W. Powelson, Samuel Thero, G. F. Cannom, S. F. Bishop, T. S. Pool, and W. N. Hall.

The following, not in pastoral charge, were also represented and passed, viz.: C. L. Stafford, F. W. Adams, W. H. Mahaffie, Thos. Osborn, and W. A. Longenecker.

Time Extended.—The time, on motion of C. L. Stafford, was extended in order to complete this district.

Referred to Select Number.—The case of P. C. Hogle, who had been suspended by a Committee of Investigation, was referred to a Select Number, to consist of nine, for trial.

Case Referred to Select Number.—The case of C. W. Evans, who had been suspended by a Committee of Investigation, was, on motion, referred to a Select Number, consisting of nine, for trial.

Papers Deposited.—Papers in these cases were deposited with the Secretary.

Appeal Referred to Select Number.—On motion of E. H. Waring, the case of H. E. Colby, a probationer in this Conference, was referred to a Select Number for trial. M. Bamford and E. C. Brooks were appointed as counsel for the Church in this case, and E. H. Waring and I. P. Teter were recognized as counsel for the defendant. The following were appointed as the Select Number, viz.: H. F. Hurlburt, J. W. Carson, R. Weese, B. F. Shane, B. M. Boydston, I. B. Schreckengast, J. F. Barnett, H. C. Millice, and G. W. Barber. F. E. Brush was appointed by the Bishop as Chairman, and Thos. Osborn was elected Assistant Secretary, and detailed for this case.

Case of P. C. Hogle.—W. P. Stoddard and J. A. Boatman were appointed counsel for the Church in the case of P. C. Hogle, and C. W. Shepherd, I. P. Teter, and C. W. Powelson were recognized as counsel for the defense. The following were appointed as the Select Number: W. C. Chew, J. C. Kendrick, J. R. Payne, W. G. Thorn, W. B. Marsh, R. Collier, J. W. Lambert, L. Ingham, and W. S. Moore. The Bishop appointed W. H. Mahaffie as Chairman, and W. R. Jeffrey was elected an Assistant Secretary, and detailed to serve in the trial.

Case of C. W. Evans.—G. B. Swartz was appointed as counsel for the Church in the case of C. W. Evans. The defendant asked for no

counsel. The following were appointed the Select Number: J. W. Potter, A. B. Hightshoe, C. H. Montgomery, J. E. Newsome, A. V. Kendrick, E. Handy, E. L. Schreiner, A. W. Haines, A. C. Boyd. W. R. Stryker was appointed by the Bishop as Chairman, and W. C. Barclay was elected Assistant Secretary to serve in this trial.

Time of Meeting.—The Committees were instructed to meet at 2 P. M.

To Receive Reports.—On motion of W. G. Wilson, the Conference Treasurer and Statistical Secretary were instructed to be in attendance at 2 P. M. at the church, to receive the reports of the pastors.

Announcements and Adjournment.—The usual announcements were made, the doxology was sung, and the Conference adjourned with benediction by the Bishop.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, September 9, 1897.

Devotional Services.—The devotional services were conducted by H. N. Smith, beginning at 8.45 A. M., after which Bishop FitzGerald took the chair. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Greetings.—I. P. Teter moved that a Committee of three be appointed to convey greetings from this body to the Friends' Yearly Meeting, now being held in this city, which was adopted, and I. P. Teter, W. G. Thorn, and T. B. Hughes were appointed the said Committee.

Change of Ratio.—Bishop FitzGerald presented the proposition from the East Maine Conference to change the ratio of representation in the General Conference from forty-five to sixty, which was made the special Order of the Day to-morrow at 10 A. M.

I. P. Teter asked to be excused from acting as counsel in the case of P. C. Hogle, and his request was granted.

Change of Time of Holding the Conference.—D. C. Smith presented the following, signed by D. C. Smith, G. M. Tuttle, J. C. W. Coxe, and T. J. Myers, which was adopted, and the Secretary of the Conference was instructed to send a copy of the same to the Board of Bishops:

"Resolved, By the Annual Conference in session at Oskaloosa, Iowa, September, 1897, That we do hereby respectfully and earnestly petition our worthy Board of Bishops to grant us, as the time of holding our next Annual Session, the 28th day of September, 1898. And that henceforward, as nearly as possible, the same recurring week for our future sessions.

"And further, We hereby petition our presiding Bishop, the Rev. James N. FitzGerald, D. D., to bear this request to the Board of Bishops and plead our cause; asking them to hear us for the following reasons:

"First—It is not a hasty or premature thought, for we have long desired it, and at different times before made like request.

"Second—We, being chiefly an agricultural people, greatly need the month of September in which to receive partial returns from crops and

stock, on which depend greatly our ability to pay out ministerial salaries and benevolent collections.

"Third—It will give our pastors and their families the month of October in which to move, which month is much better than September for moving, because cooler and more health-preserving."

The Thirteenth Question was resumed, and T. J. Myers, presiding elder of Keokuk District, was represented, passed, and read his report.

The following effective elders were represented and passed: U. S. Smith, A. E. Thornley, J. W. Fraker, T. B. Hughes, I. O. Kemble, G. W. Pool, R. Weese, T. F. Barker, J. A. Boatman, J. E. Wilkins, P. J. Henness, R. L. Patterson, C. L. Tennant, J. G. Barton, J. W. Potter, J. J. Beckham, R. Breeden, B. F. Shane, W. M. Erskine, C. W. Shepherd.

The relation of J. J. Beckham and W. N. Hall was changed from effective to supernumerary.

The Muscatine District was called, and J. C. W. Coxe, presiding elder, was represented, passed, and read his report.

The following effective elders were represented and passed: W. C. Van Schoiack, W. C. Chew, W. N. Potter, D. C. Bevan, A. M. Smith, A. B. Hightshoe, W. R. Stryker, J. W. Hackley, J. C. Kendrick, J. R. Payne, H. N. Smith, J. M. McClelland, C. H. Montgomery, W. G. Thorn, W. H. Jones, J. E. Newsome, I. B. Schreckengast, H. F. Pugh, J. F. Barnett, C. R. Zimmerman.

J. M. McClelland was left without appointment, to attend one of our schools.

The Oskaloosa District was called, and W. G. Wilson, the presiding elder, was represented, passed, and read his report, and the following effective elders were represented and passed: A. V. Kendrick, D. Phillips, G. W. Byrkit, D. F. Stiles, J. E. Corley, Isaac Borts, Richard Collier, W. N. Groome, E. C. Brooks, C. V. Cowan, E. Handy, W. B. Marsh, M. Bamford, C. H. Westfall, E. E. Doud, S. P. Souden, W. S. Kight, J. A. Sinclair, A. W. Haines, C. F. Williams.

Ottumwa District was called, and D. C. Smith, the presiding elder, was represented, passed, and read his report, and the following effective elders were represented and passed: W. A. Jackson, John Bridges, W. S. Gardner, C. S. Cooper, C. W. Wilson, F. E. Brush, I. P. Teter, W. S. Moore, A. C. Boyd, E. L. Schreiner, W. H. Heppe, J. C. Caughlan, C. R. Norton, J. W. Lambert, L. Ingham, J. W. Lewis, H. C. Millice, E. J. Pike, U. B. Smith.

Case of C. W. Wilson.—D. C. Smith, presiding elder of Ottumwa District, presented the following paper, which was ordered printed in the Conference Minutes:

"To Rev. D. C. Smith, Presiding Elder Ottumwa District, Iowa Conference:

"DEAR BROTHER,—The undersigned members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at the last session of the Conference, brought charges against Rev. C. W. Wilson, a member of your body, for the neglect and non-payment of his financial obligations.

"We now congratulate the Church and Brother Wilson that he has made satisfactory arrangements for the payment of all his indebtedness,

and that a worthy and successful worker for Christ has been saved to the Church and Conference.

"We hereby give due notice of the facts to the Conference through you.

CHRIS. HAW, W. A. WORK,
J. W. NEASHAM, J. T. HACKWORTH."

Referred to Committee on Conference Relations.—The list of candidates for admission on trial, the classes on trial, and the supernumeraries, were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Report Referred.—The Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Iowa Wesleyan University presented his report, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Report of Publishing Agent.—The report of the Publishing Agent was presented, and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Publishing Agent Elected.—On motion of C. L. Stafford, C. W. Shepherd was appointed Publishing Agent, and authorized to edit and publish 3,000 copies of the Conference Minutes, to be distributed to the Conference upon the basis of membership, to be paid for by the pastors upon receipt of the copies sent them.

E. C. Brooks moved to amend by associating one of the Secretaries with Publishing Agent as editor. The amendment was laid on the table, and the original motion was adopted.

Reports from Churches on Circuits.—The following resolutions, signed by A. E. Buriff and G. M. Tuttle, were presented to the Conference:

"*Resolved*, 1st. That the pastors on circuits of this Conference be requested to report to the Statistical Secretary, annually, the amounts apportioned to each society in their charges for pastors' support, and the amounts paid by the several societies on this claim, for publication in the Conference Journal.

"2d. That the Statistical Secretary prepare appropriate blanks for this purpose, to be distributed by the Secretary of the Conference with the other statistical blanks."

A motion to lay on the table was lost, and the resolution was adopted.

Counsel for P. C. Hogle.—P. J. Henness was recognized as counsel for P. C. Hogle in place of I. P. Teter.

Counsel for Church.—George Filmer was appointed as associate counsel for the Church in the case of C. W. Evans.

Memorial from Colfax.—J. W. Potter presented a memorial from Colfax in favor of the Conference becoming associated with the Epworth League Training School, etc., of that place, and moved its adoption. E. H. Waring moved that the paper be referred to the Committee on Epworth League, with instruction to report nothing that involves pecuniary liability on the part of the Conference or Leagues, which was carried.

Delinquents.—The Statistical Secretary reported the list of delinquents in their reports.

Substituted.—W. W. Williams was substituted in place of W. F. Hughes on Committee on Post-offices.

Superannuated.—The Twenty-third Question was taken up, and the following brethren were continued in the superannuated relation: A. Robinson, J. T. Coleman, E. H. Waring, H. Runyan, M. See, O. P. Light, W. F. Cowles, J. B. Hill, J. B. Hardy, A. W. Stryker, J. G. Thompson, Jesse Craig, S. H. Thomas, Nelson Wells, R. B. Allender, James Haynes.

E. H. Waring, J. B. Hill, J. B. Hardy, S. H. Thomas, N. Wells, and R. B. Allender were present at the Conference, and spoke feelingly when their names were called.

Assistant Secretary.—Upon the nomination of the Secretary, on account of the Assistant Secretary being pressed with cabinet work, E. H. Waring was elected an Assistant Secretary.

Methodist Insurance Company.—C. S. Cooper, G. W. Byrkit, and E. L. Schreiner were appointed a Committee on Iowa Methodist Church and Parsonage Insurance Company.

Introduced to the Conference.—Dr. G. K. Morris, of Boston University; A. W. Pilcher, D. D., of West Wisconsin Conference, and Rev. D. L. Zink, of Methodist Protestant Church, were introduced to the Conference.

Williams Excused from Attendance.—C. F. Williams was excused from further attendance upon the session of the Conference.

Announcements and Adjournment.—The Committees were called, announcements made, and the Conference adjourned, with benediction by Dr. Morris.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, September 10, 1897.

THE Conference met at 8.45 A. M., Bishop Fitzgerald in the chair. The devotional services were conducted by the Bishop.

Minutes Approved.—The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Introduced.—Drs. Lewis Curts, of the Western Methodist Book Concern; Manley S. Hard, of the Church Extension Society; D. K. Morris, of Boston Theological Institute; J. F. Berry, of *Epworth Herald*, and R. W. Hughes, Superintendent of the American Bible Society, were introduced, and addressed the Conference in reference to the several causes represented.

Constitutional Change.—The special Order of the Day—viz., the vote on the proposition presented by the East Maine Conference on change of ratio of representation in the General Conference—was called up. The proposed change was read as follows:

"Proposition for Constitutional change, to be submitted to the Annual Conferences in 1897-98: The East Maine Conference, at its fiftieth annual

session, requests the Bishops to submit to the several Conferences during the years 1897-98 the following proposition to-wit: Amend Section 2, Paragraph 67 of Book of Discipline, by striking out the words 'forty-five' and inserting the word 'sixty,' so that the section as amended will read:

"The General Conference shall not allow of more than one ministerial representative for fourteen members of an Annual Conference, nor a less number than one for every sixty; nor of more than two lay delegates for an Annual Conference: PROVIDED, nevertheless, that when there shall be in any Annual Conference a fraction of two-thirds the number which shall be fixed for the ratio of representation, such Annual Conference shall be entitled to an additional delegate for such fraction; and PROVIDED, also, that no Conference shall be denied the privilege of one ministerial and one lay delegate."

The vote was taken, and resulted in 92 in the affirmative and none in the negative.

Friends' Delegates.—The Order of the Day at 10 A. M. to-morrow was made the reception of the delegates from the Friends' Yearly Meeting.

Excused from Committee.—I. P. Teter, on account of other duties conflicting, was excused from acting on the Committee on Tobacco, and J. B. Hill was appointed in his place.

Ninth Question.—The Ninth Question—"What Members are in the Studies of the Fourth Year?"—was taken up, and William R. Jeffrey, E. J. Shook, William L. Clapp, William B. Ireland, and Hiram F. Gilbert were called, reported their collections, and had their characters passed.

Local Orders.—J. C. W. Coxe moved that all applications for local orders be referred to the Committee on Conference Relations, which motion was carried.

Report of Board of Examiners.—The Board of Examiners reported in the cases of W. R. Jeffrey, E. J. Shook, William L. Clapp, William B. Ireland, and Hiram F. Gilbert. They were severally represented by their presiding elders, and were elected to elders' orders. John Hanks made his report of collections, and his character was passed.

Parchments Restored.—D. C. Smith presented to the Conference a request that the parchments of Rev. John Beale, a local deacon, which had been surrendered by him, should be restored, the same having been requested by the Quarterly Conference of the Lovilia Circuit, he having reunited with the Church, and requested the restoration of his ministerial authority. The Conference granted the request.

Memorial Relative to Seat of General Conference.—A paper relating to the invitation of the next General Conference to Kansas City, Mo., was read, and the invitation concurred in by the Conference.

Iliff School of Theology.—The catalogue of the Iliff School of Theology in the University of Denver, Colorado, was referred to the Educational Committee.

Referred to Committee.—A communication from the American Anti-saloon League was referred to the Temperance Committee.

Itinerant Club.—The report of the Committee on Itinerant Club was taken up, and a motion by M. J. Pusey to recommit the report to the Committee, with instruction to arrange for a midsummer session of the Club for 1898, was lost, and the report was adopted as follows:

“Your Committee would report in favor of discontinuing said club. We do this because of the new provisions of the Discipline, making it (the club), as we believe, unnecessary.”

Woman's Home Missionary Society.—The report of the Committee on Woman's Home Missionary Society was presented, read, and adopted as follows:

“WHEREAS, The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church is one of the authorized benevolent organizations of the Church, and has done and is doing a great work in its Industrial Homes, Mission Schools, Deaconess Work, for the neglected classes in the great cities, and in all parts of our own country, working in harmony with and supplementing the established benevolent work of the Church; therefore,

“Resolved, That we recommend the organization of auxiliary societies in all our charges, and that we will gladly welcome its representatives to all our churches.”

Select Number in Case of C. W. Evans.—The Select Number of nine in the case of C. W. Evans reported, finding the accused guilty of immorality as charged, and fixing the penalty at expulsion from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Order of the Day.—It was made the Order of the Day for to-morrow at 10.30 A. M., to receive the class of candidates for reception into full membership.

Place of Next Conference.—The Thirtieth Question—“Where shall the next Conference be held?”—was taken up, and Montezuma was selected as the place for the next session.

Introduced.—Drs. E. H. Hughes, of New England Conference; S. C. Bronson, of Garrett Biblical Institute; Revs. Jeffreys, of Upper Iowa Conference; C. J. English, Enoch Hill, and A. V. Knippers, of the Des Moines Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

Memorial Referred.—A memorial from Oskaloosa District Conference, relative to ministerial claims, was, on motion of A. V. Kendrick, referred to the Board of Stewards.

Michael See.—M. See, a veteran superannuated member of the Conference, addressed the Conference.

Conference Relations.—A. W. Haines was placed on the Committee on Conference Relations in place of B. F. Shane.

Excused from Attendance at Conference.—A. S. Loveall, on account of affliction in his family, was excused from further attendance upon the Conference.

Substituted.—J. Hanks was substituted for I. Schreckengast on the Board of Deaconesses.

Announcements and Adjournment.—The announcements were made, and after singing the doxology the session was closed with the benediction by Dr. Berry.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, September 11, 1897.

AT 8.15 A. M., J. G. Barton conducted the devotional services, after which Bishop Fitzgerald took the chair.

Minutes Approved.—Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Elected to Elder's Orders.—J. Hanks, having taken the previous studies, was reported on by the Board of Examiners in the Studies of the Third Year, and was passed. Under the rule with respect to students in our theological seminaries, he was reported upon by the Board of Examiners in Studies of the Fourth Year, was passed, and elected to elder's orders.

Intention of Appeal Announced.—C. W. Evans announced his intention to appeal from the decision in his case to the Judicial Conference, under the provision of the Discipline.

Eleventh Question.—The Eleventh Question—"What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?"—was taken up. The following brethren, candidates for the order of local deacons, were reported upon by the Board of Examiners as to their studies, and by the Committee on Conference Relations, were represented by their respective presiding elders, and were elected to deacons' orders: Herbert C. Hart, recommended by the District Conference of the Oskaloosa District; Charles E. Fitzsimmons, recommended by the District Conference of the Burlington District; and John Chace, recommended by the District Conference of Ottumwa District.

Introduced.—C. H. Payne, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Education, was introduced, and addressed the Conference in that interest. A. B. Leonard, D. D., one of the Secretaries of the Missionary Society, was introduced, and addressed the Conference in behalf of that Society. Fifty-three members of the Conference pledged their charges for \$20 each toward paying off the indebtedness, and seventeen pledged more or less than the \$20 to be raised in their charges to apply to the same object.

Reception of Friends' Delegates.—The Order of the Day, the reception of the delegates from the Friends' Yearly Meeting, was taken up, and

Revs. I. P. Wooten, C. H. Sweet, Miss Hornaday, and Mrs. E. F. Coffin were introduced, and severally brought their warm and hearty greetings and words of Christian cheer and sympathy from the large and influential body they represented to the Conference. Bishop FitzGerald made an appropriate and eloquent response.

Sympathy and Prayer.—J. G. Thompson spoke to the Conference words of affection and sympathy for our beloved brother, E. J. Pike, detained at home by the serious illness of his daughter, after which, at the instance of Brother Thompson, J. C. W. Coxe led in earnest prayer for the afflicted one and the family.

Seventh Question.—The Seventh Question—"Who have been admitted into Full Connection?"—was taken up, and D. G. Abbott, Wade C. Barclay, William S. Shearer, Albert M. Mahaffie, George L. Minear, William L. Fry, and Hiram T. Robinson were called forward to the chancel of the Church, asked the Disciplinary questions, and addressed appropriately by the Bishop.

Elected to Deacons' Orders.—The following brethren, after having been duly examined as to their studies and character, and represented by their presiding elders, were admitted to full connection and elected to deacons' orders: Wade C. Barclay, William L. Fry, William S. Shearer, and Albert M. Mahaffie. George L. Minear, David G. Abbott, and H. T. Robinson, already deacons, were admitted to full connection. D. G. Abbott, having passed the necessary examinations, and being entitled thereto under the rule of the Discipline, was elected to elder's orders.

On motion, the name of Fred. C. Demorest was ordered entered in the class of the Third Year.

Postponed.—The cases of J. M. Hoober and George Schlenker were postponed until Monday's session.

H. E. Colby Expelled from Ministry and Membership.—The report of the Select Number in the case of H. E. Colby was presented, sustaining the action of the Select Number of the District Conference by which he was expelled from the ministry and membership of the Church, and his name was stricken from the record.

Time Extended.—The time was extended to complete the work under consideration.

Announcements and Adjournment.—The usual announcements were made, and the session closed with the doxology, and the benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, September 13, 1897.

CONFERENCE met at 8.30 A. M., Bishop FitzGerald in the chair. Religious services were conducted by Rev. W. S. Gardner. The minutes of Saturday were read, corrected, and approved.

Ninth Question.—The question, "What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?" was taken up. The following brethren were represented as to character and studies passed, and advanced to the Studies of Fourth Year, viz.: Hardy A. Ingham, W. H. Dillon, James E. Vanwinkle, Charles E. Coggesshall, Harry R. Osborne, and Harry B. Scoles. W. H. Perdew was passed to Fourth Year, and requested to be left without appointment, to attend one of our schools. John W. Pool was passed to the Fourth Year, conditioned on further examination next year in "Biblical Hermeneutics." George L. Minear, H. T. Robinson, and A. M. Mahaffie were also passed to the Studies of the Fourth Year. H. T. Robinson requested to be left without an appointment, to attend one of our schools.

J. M. Hooper's Case.—The case of J. M. Hooper, called under Question Eight, was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

George Schlenker.—The case of George Schlenker, of Class of Second Year, was taken up. He was represented by the Committee on Conference Relations, and by his presiding elder. A motion was made to adopt the report of the Committee to continue Brother Schlenker another year. A substitute, offered by Brother Teter, that the report be laid on the table, was lost, and the report of the Committee was adopted.

Fifth Question.—The Fifth Question was taken up, "Who have been Continued on Trial?" and W. F. Hughes, at his own request, was discontinued with a view of attending one of our schools. Paul H. McBeth was represented, passed, and continued under Question 5, Section 1. J. F. L. Lawson was reported transferred to North India Conference. Walter W. Williams, G. H. Hanawalt, Alexander McBlaine, John H. Taylor, Frederick B. Tucker, and D. R. Martin were severally represented as to studies and character, recommended by the Committee on Conference Relations, passed, and continued under Question 5, Section b.

John C. Willits.—Rev. John C. Willits was excused from further attendance upon the Conference on account of the death, yesterday afternoon, of his aged father; and E. H. Waring, A. E. Buriff, and W. P. Stoddard were appointed a Special Committee to draft resolutions for the record with reference to the death of Father Willits.

Fourth Question.—The Fourth Question, "Who have been Received on Trial?" was taken up. Robert D. Pool, recommended from the Burlington District Conference, was represented by the Board of Examiners and by his presiding elder. The Committee on Conference Relations, on account of the candidate being blind, returned the case without recommendation, for the action of the Conference. On motion of E. C. Brooks, he was admitted on trial. Marion L. Saunders, recommended by the Oskaloosa District Conference; Wilford C. Keeler, recommended from the Muscatine District Conference; Wilfred E. Snyder, recommended from the Keokuk District Conference; Benjamin G. Hankins, recommended from the Burlington District; E. Lloyd Tennant, recommended from the same district, were severally represented as to studies and character, recommended by the Committee on Conference Relations, and admitted on trial.

In the case of Frank I. Poage, recommended from the Guthrie Center Station, Upper Iowa Conference, the presiding elder was given permission to employ him as a supply for the coming year. The Secretary was authorized to furnish Brother Poage a certificate of his passing in certain studies of candidates for admission at this session. Brother Hankins was conditioned on bringing up his studies in "Doctrinal Aspects" and "History of American Methodism." Brother Tennant was also conditioned on "Doctrinal Aspects."

American University.—Rev. Dr. S. L. Beiler, of the American University, Washington City, was introduced to the Conference, and addressed the ministers in reference to the interests of that institution.

Bishop Fitzgerald.—The following resolution was adopted by a unanimous rising vote:

"Resolved, That this Conference has been highly gratified with the administration of Bishop FitzGerald, and the kind and considerate attention given to the business of the Conference, and we appreciate the courtesy all have received at his hand, and invite him back again. I. P. TETER,
T. J. MYERS."

T. J. Myers.—In the name of the preachers of the Keokuk District, the Bishop presented T. J. Myers, the retiring presiding elder, as a simple token of their esteem and confidence, with a valuable umbrella, which was accepted in appropriate terms by the recipient.

Twenty-second Question.—The Twenty-second Question—“Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?”—was called. The following members of this class were represented as to their character, reported by the Committee on Conference Relations, and continued in the supernumerary relation, viz.: Banner Mark, F. W. Evans, W. C. Shippen, W. J. Spaulding, John T. Simmons, J. S. Ferguson, I. N. Busby, John Potter, A. Latimer, and W. F. Mair. T. E. Corkhill reported deceased. F. R. Holcomb continued, and he was requested to locate next year. The characters of John Davis, J. H. Armacost, and Charles E. Corkhill were passed, and the question of their relation deferred for the present. H. C. Ethell was passed, continued, and his case referred to the Board of Stewards.

I. A. Bradrick.—The case of I. A. Bradrick, referred last year to a Committee of Inquiry, was taken up. Representations were made by the Committee, and after a discussion of the case, his case was re-referred to the same Committee, with the request that he be asked to withdraw from the Conference.

It was resolved that, when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

P. C. Hogle.—The Select Number in the case of P. C. Hogle reported, depriving him of his ministerial office and credentials, and he gave notice of an appeal from the said finding.

Fourth Question.--The recommendation of Horace S. Wiley from the Oskaloosa District Conference, for admission on trial, was taken up.

He was represented as to studies and character, was reported upon by the Committee on Conference Relations, and was admitted, conditioned on passing an examination on "Doctrinal Aspects."

On motion, after the notices, the session was closed, with the doxology and benediction by Dr. C. L. Stafford.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

MONDAY, September 13, 1897.

CONFERENCE met, pursuant to adjournment, at 2 P. M., Rev. J. E. Corley, by appointment of the Bishop, in the chair. The religious services were led by Rev. George F. Cannom.

Minutes.—The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Stewards' Report.—The report of the Board of Stewards and Trustees on receipts and disbursements was presented, read, adopted, and the distribution made accordingly.

Support of Conference Claimants.—The Board of Stewards also presented their report on the memorial of the Oskaloosa District Conference.

C. L. Tennant moved to lay so much of the paper on the table as is included in the first paragraph, in relation to the apportioning of the claims of the Conference claimants to the several charges of the Conference. The motion was lost. The first paragraph was then adopted. The second paragraph, and the paper as a whole, was then adopted.

Dr. Payne.—Dr. Payne, of the Board of Education, addressed the Conference again on the educational interests of the Church.

Bishop Newman and Dr. G. K. Morris.—J. W. Potter presented a paper complimentary to Bishop Newman and Dr. G. K. Morris, which was unanimously adopted.

Report on Epworth League.—Brother Potter also reported from the Committee on Epworth League, and it was read and adopted.

The adoption of the report carrying with it the adoption of the proposition from the commissioners of the Iowa State Epworth League, with reference to the grounds at Colfax, Iowa, Brother Potter moved the election of the commissioner proposed in the paper before the Conference. Thomas Osborn moved to reconsider the action adopting the paper, and the motion was carried by 25 to 8.

Colfax Assembly.—M. Bamford called for the reading of the paper relative to the Colfax Assembly, and it was read by the Secretary. W. B. Marsh moved that the part of the report providing for the appointment of a commissioner from this Conference be laid on the table, which prevailed. A motion of W. H. Jones to strike out the balance of the third item of the report was adopted. The report, as amended, was then adopted. (See Report.)

Deaconesses.—R. L. Patterson reported from the Committee on Deaconesses, and the report was adopted.

Incorporation of the Conference.—The report on the Incorporation of the Conference was presented and read, and the report and by-laws proposed were adopted.

Officers of Board of Stewards and Trustees.—The organization of the Board of Stewards and Trustees for the current year was reported as follows: A. V. Kendrick, President; U. B. Smith, Treasurer; E. L. Schreiner, Secretary.

Report of Conference Treasurer.—Brother C. W. Shepherd made his report as Treasurer of the Conference, and the report was adopted.

Memoirs.—The report of the Committee on Memoirs was presented, and, on motion, adopted and ordered published.

Report of Publishing Agent.—The report of the Publishing Agent was presented, read, and adopted.

Episcopal Fund.—The report on Episcopal Fund was read and adopted. On motion, the Committee was instructed to continue their work, and collect the unpaid amount referred to in the report, if the same shall be found possible.

Freedmen's Aid Report.—The report on the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society was presented, read, and adopted.

Tobacco.—The Committee on Tobacco presented their report, which was read and adopted.

Bluff Park.—The report of the trustees of Bluff Park was read, and, on motion of A. V. Kendrick, the report was laid on the table for the present.

A motion to adjourn to 7.30 P. M. then prevailed.

The doxology was sung, and the session closed with the benediction by J. B. Hill.

EVENING SESSION.

MONDAY EVENING, September 13, 1897.

CONFERENCE met, pursuant to adjournment, at 7.30 P. M., Rev. J. E. Corley in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. W. Shepherd.

Minutes.—The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

Temperance Anniversary.—W. H. Jones moved that the pastor at the seat of the next Conference arrange for the Temperance Anniversary, provided for in the Discipline.

Railroad Secretary.—Brother O. L. Roseman, of Montezuma, was appointed Railroad Secretary for the next Conference.

Committees for 1898.—The Bishop and cabinet were requested to nominate the Committees for the Conference of 1898.

Deaf Mute Missionary.—A communication from Rev. J. J. Middleton, with respect to labor among the deaf mutes of Iowa, was read, and laid over for the present.

Bluff Park.—The report on Bluff Park was taken up for action. R. L. Patterson moved the adoption of the report. On motion of I. P. Teter, the whole matter was laid on the table.

State of the Church.—The report on the State of the Church was read and adopted.

Tomb of Rev. J. Jamison.—The report of the Committee on the Tomb of Rev. Joseph Jamison was read and adopted.

American Bible Society.—The report of the Committee on the American Bible Society was read and adopted.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.—The following officers of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, for the coming Conference year, were nominated and elected: Mrs. W. G. Thorn, President, Washington, Iowa; Mrs. W. P. Stoddard, Vice-President, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Mrs. L. W. Byrkit, Corresponding Secretary, Koszta, Iowa; Mrs. Mamie Gardner, Recording Secretary, Fremont, Iowa.

State of the Country.—The Committee on the State of the Country reported. H. C. Ethell moved to substitute for the word "jingoism" the words "foreign oppression." Lost. The report was then adopted.

Report on Temperance.—The report of the Committee on Temperance was presented and read. A. E. Buriff moved that the vote be taken by ayes and noes. Carried. The previous question being ordered, the Conference roll was called with the following result:

Ayes, 94. Nays, none.

D. S. Dunlavy and J. M. Hoober.—The characters of D. S. Dunlavy and J. M. Hoober were passed, and Brother Hoober was requested to locate.

E. J. Smith.—Ed. J. Smith was announced by the Bishop transferred from the St. Louis German Conference to this body.

Education.—The report of the Committee on Education was presented and read. The report was adopted.

Board of Examiners.—Brother W. H. Heppe was appointed on the Board of Examiners in place of W. N. Groome, resigned.

C. F. Williams.—The Bishop was requested to appoint Rev. C. F. Williams as an agent in Iowa for the promotion of temperance.

T. J. Myers.—The Bishop was also requested to appoint Brother T. J. Myers Treasurer of the Iowa Wesleyan University.

Counsel Appointed.—G. B. Swartz was appointed counsel in the appeal case of C. W. Evans, and J. A. Boatman in the appeal case of Brother Hogle.

U. B. Smith.—The Bishop was requested to appoint U. B. Smith as assistant superintendent of the Iowa Children's Home Society.

Woman's Home Missionary Society.—The following persons were appointed officers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society: Mrs. C. L. Stafford, President; Mrs. I. O. Kemble, Vice-President; Mrs. Lavanda G.

Murphy, Corresponding Secretary and Conference Secretary of Organization; Mrs. J. C. W. Coxe, Recording Secretary; Mrs. W. F. Cowles, Treasurer; Mrs. J. S. Shaw, Supplies Secretary; Mrs. L. B. Osborne, Mite-box Secretary; Mrs. Thomas Osborn, Local Work Secretary; Mrs. W. H. Dillon, Reading Circle Secretary; Mrs. M. B. Huston, Young People's Secretary; Mrs. M. E. Caughlan, Manager Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school; Mrs. N. S. Brush, Delegate to Meeting General Board of Managers; Mrs. J. S. Shaw, Alternate.

Y. M. C. A.—The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be extended to the Young Men's Christian Association of this city for the courtesies extended during this session.

H. C. MILLICE, W. C. VAN SHOIACK.
W. C. CHEW,

Report of C. W. Shepherd.—C. W. Shepherd made his report as agent of the Fund for Conference Claimants.

Expense of Counsel.—On motion, the Conference resolved to be responsible for the expenses of the counsel for the Church in the before-named appeal cases.

Resolution.—On motion of J. E. Newsome, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we do hereby memorialize the General Missionary Committee at its next meeting to make appropriation for home missions among non-English-speaking people within the bounds of the Iowa Conference.

Agent of Permanent Fund.—The Bishop was requested to appoint C. W. Shepherd as agent for the Permanent Fund for Conference Claimants; he to do the work on the same terms as last year.

Certificates Filed.—The Bishop filed the following certificate of ordination:

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

To the Iowa Annual Conference:

This Certifies, That in Oskaloosa, Iowa, on September 12, 1897, in accordance with the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, I ordained as DEACONS: Wade C. Barclay, Albert M. Mahaffie, William S. Shearer, William L. Fry; and as LOCAL DEACONS: John Chacey, Charles E. Fitzsimmons, Herbert C. Hart; and as ELDERS: David G. Abbott, William L. Clapp, Hiram F. Gilbert, William B. Ireland, Edward J. Shook, William R. Jeffrey, Jr., John Hanks.

Given under my hand in Oskaloosa, Iowa, on the 14th day of September, 1897.

JAMES N. FITZGERALD, Bishop.

J. G. Barton.—Brother J. G. Barton was changed from an effective to a supernumerary relation.

District Conference Records.—The report of the Committee on District Conference Records was presented and adopted.

Report on Book Accounts.—The Committee on Book Accounts reported, and their report was adopted.

Board of Examiners.—The name of D. C. Bevan having been placed on the Board of Examiners by mistake, it was dropped from the list.

The Sabbath.—The report on the Sabbath was read and adopted.

Church Insurance.—The report on Church Insurance was read and adopted.

Auditing Committee.—The report of the Auditing Committee was read. A collection was taken to meet the amount required to pay the Conference expenses of \$12.75. A collection of \$10.78 was taken up towards this amount.

Itinerant Wives Association.—The officers of the Itinerant Wives Association of the Conference were approved. The officers are as follows: Mrs. I. O. Kemble, President; Mrs. W. S. Gardner, Vice-President; Mrs. A. M. Mahaffie, Secretary.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.—The report of the Committee on Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was adopted.

Church Extension.—The report on Church Extension was read and adopted.

Books and Periodicals.—The report on Books and Periodicals was presented, read, and adopted.

Visitors' Report.—The report of the Visitors to the Iowa Wesleyan University was read and adopted.

Trustees of Iowa Wesleyan University.—The question of the election of trustees of the Iowa Wesleyan University was then considered, and Dr. J. C. W. Coxe moved the re-election of the outgoing members of the Board whose terms of office expire at this session. W. G. Wilson moved that the vote be had by ballot, and the motion prevailed.

J. C. W. Coxe moved that the Conference adjourn until to-morrow morning at 8.30 o'clock. Lost.

The previous question was ordered on the election of trustees of the University. On motion of C. W. Shepherd, the vote to take the vote by ballot was reconsidered, and the original motion for voting by ballot was laid on the table. W. H. Jones moved that the names be called separately, and D. C. Smith, James Harlan, W. J. Babb, Mrs. L. W. Byrkit, and E. L. Schreiner were elected to fill the fourth class. W. G. Wilson was elected to fill the place of T. E. Corkhill, deceased. T. S. Pool was elected to fill the place in the fourth class of J. E. Corley, resigned.

Father Willits.—The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Iowa Conference, in session at Oskaloosa, has heard, with profound regret, of the translation of Brother C. G. Willits, father of the Rev. J. C. Willits, of this Conference. We pray that the abundant grace of God may sustain our dear Brother Willits in his deep affliction, and abide in precious measure with the widow in her unspeakable bereavement.

W. P. STODDARD, A. F. BURIFF."
E. H. WARING,

Statistics.—The report of the Statistical Secretary was read and adopted.

Conference Treasurer.—The Conference Treasurer reported as to the disbursement of the funds in his hands this year, and the report was approved.

Copies of Temperance Report.—The Secretary was directed to furnish copies of the Temperance Report to the Central and Northwestern Advocates and to the Secretaries of the other Conferences in Iowa.

Vote of Thanks.—M. J. Pusey moved the following vote of thanks, which was unanimously adopted, viz.:

"Resolved, That we hereby express to Brother M. Bamford and the people of Oskaloosa and vicinity, our heartfelt thanks for their welcome and hospitality. We are glad we have come, have enjoyed their hospitality, and will be glad to come again. We thank the local newspapers for courteous and full reports of our proceedings, and the trustees of the Christian Church for the use of their Church."

Announcements of special appointments were read by Dr. Coxe. (See page 83.)

The committees for 1898 were nominated. (See page 84.)

Brother Schreckengast was appointed to deliver an educational address at the next session.

Statistical Report No. 2 was ordered omitted from the published Minutes.

On motion, after the closing of the religious services and the reading of the Appointments, it was resolved that the Conference stand adjourned *sine dic.*

The Conference then united in singing the hymn commencing "A charge to keep I have."

Prayer was offered by Rev. T. J. Myers.

The Bishop then addressed the Conference with reference to the work of the coming year, and read the Appointments for 1897-98.

The doxology was then sung, and the benediction pronounced by Bishop FitzGerald.

JAMES N. FITZGERALD, PRESIDENT.

C. L. STAFFORD, SECRETARY.

IV.

REPORTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

G. M. TUTTLE, Presiding Elder.

IN presenting this, my first report of the Burlington District, I do it with feelings of profound gratitude to God for his abounding grace, which has kept me in life and almost uninterrupted health during the year. With great timidity, and a consciousness of my own inability to undertake a charge attended with such grave responsibilities, I entered upon the work assigned me; but the very hearty reception accorded me, both by my brethren in the ministry and the laity of the Church wherever I have gone throughout the district, had served to contribute largely to whatever measure of success I may have had, and for which I here record my hearty thanks.

The territory of the Burlington District embraces a little more than three counties, and has twenty-six regular charges, giving in all seventy-two societies, two of which have been added during the year, viz.: Wever, adjacent to the Burlington Circuit,—this was tentatively occupied some few years since, and was abandoned, but at present a more permanent future of our Church work here is assured,—also an appointment with a church-building, known as the "Walnut Creek," near Germanville, in the bounds of Mt. Pleasant West Circuit. This was turned over to my care by the presiding elder of the Burlington District of the St. Louis German Methodist Episcopal Conference. With a growing desire on the part of the younger members of the Church and congregation for services in the English tongue, and not being convenient for our German brethren to supply the work, unless at too great expense, the change was therefore made. This gives to the Mt. Pleasant West Circuit four appointments, with possibilities for a strong work.

The year, in many respects, has been one of varied and peculiar experiences. Soon after Conference the pastors entered upon the duties assigned them, and all continued their work without any interruption, save two, viz.: Brothers C. W. Evans, of the Sperry Circuit, and P. C. Hogle, of Salem. The difficulties attending these two brethren were of such character as to necessitate a preliminary trial on an investigation in each case, which resulted in suspending them from the ministry and membership of the Church, which findings are now in the hands of the Conference for final action. The Sperry Charge was supplied thereafter by Brother Lloyd Tennant, a local preacher, and student of the Iowa

Wesleyan University, while the Salem work has been supplied by Brother J. B. Hill, a superannuated member of the Conference.

The health of the preachers and their families has been generally good, but with the following exceptions: In the beginning of the year sickness entered the family of Brother A. S. Loveall, of Morning Sun, whose wife was seriously indisposed for several weeks, but has been fully restored. So also the wife of Brother W. L. Clapp, of Crawfordsville. For some time her health was in a precarious condition; but it is confidently believed that she is now improving. During the early part of the winter, death entered the parsonage of First Church, Mt. Pleasant, leaving Brother and Sister Stoddard to mourn the absence of their youngest, Harlan, aged six years. In the early part of summer we were called to mourn the death of Dr. Thomas E. Corkhill. In this, however, not the Burlington District alone, but the Iowa Conference and Iowa Methodism have sustained a great loss. In his life he gave evidence of unswerving fidelity to the interests of the Church, particularly to the cause of Christian education as represented in the character and work of the Iowa Wesleyan University. During his final illness it was a benediction to visit him. His confidence in the Redeemer was unshaken, and his care for the interests of the Church was heard in kindly words of encouragement and hope for those of his brethren in the ministry. Such a life closed with a most triumphant death.

The following improvements in Church property have obtained:

Big Mound, on the Hillsboro Circuit, dedicated a neat church edifice free of debt, at a cost of about \$1,500.

Morning Sun also has succeeded in erecting a beautiful and commodious house of worship at a cost of \$5,000, and dedicated it free of debt, raising a surplus of \$1,000.

A new church-building is now under way at Stockport, Hillsboro Circuit, a growing town on the Chicago, Fort Madison, and Des Moines Railway.

The First Church, Burlington, was damaged by fire on the interior in the early part of the year, but has been repaired and beautified beyond its former condition. Under the able and efficient ministry of the pastor, Brother R. F. Hurlburt, this Church has had a very prosperous year. Grace Church, also, is succeeding in providing for its indebtedness, and has paid off the claim on the parsonage. Fort Madison, too, is happy over the fact that its old Church debt, \$1,500, has been paid.

Many of the churches have been repainted and otherwise improved during the year.

Two sessions of the District Conference have been held, with a good attendance and a helpful interest; also, one District Epworth League Convention, which was an occasion of great religious enthusiasm. There are hopeful signs among the young people for well-planned, aggressive, Christian work. There are about thirty-four Chapter's of the Epworth League, membership 1,434; seventeen Junior Leagues, membership 317; and one Endeavor Society. There are about sixteen Auxiliaries of the

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and five of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, within the district.

While the religious condition of the district is not all we could wish, still there are indications of life and signs of promise.

Crawfordsville, W. L. Clapp pastor, has had a very prosperous year. A series of meetings at each of the two appointments resulted in the conversion of about one hundred souls, the greater part of whom have, or will, come into full fellowship with our Church. This resuscitated charge is already beginning to surpass its former history. The church-building, though recently constructed, is in much need of being enlarged to accommodate the increasing congregations, but the only way to accomplish it on its present location is to enlarge toward heaven.

Grace Church, Burlington, G. B. Swartz pastor, has likewise shared in a gracious revival, and a large ingathering to its membership. Mediapolis, also, M. J. Pusey pastor, has been rewarded in his labor with the conversion of a large number, all of whom have been saved to the Church. The explanation of this, in part at least, is found in the special care which the pastor gave to his probationers, instructing them in the doctrines and Discipline of the Church from the time of their conversion until received into full fellowship. Fort Madison, First Church, too, through the special services held by the pastor, J. C. Willits, has added to its roll of faithful workers. So, also, of West Point. Pastor A. M. Mahaffie has been cheered with accessions to the Church, and a healthful growth along all lines of work. Mt. Pleasant also, W. P. Stoddard, has had some seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, which have added to the strength of the Church. Special services were held in all of the charges, with more or less gratifying results.

I have been carefully observing all the requirements of the Discipline in connection with our Quarterly and District Conferences as to reports. I find that constant vigilance is necessary, or these interests will be neglected to the detriment of the business affairs of the Church. I am gratified over the timely provision of blank reports for the District Conference, which I verily believe, if used, will help to make these gatherings in the district seasons of interest and profit to all concerned.

In view of the circumstances, I now call the attention of the Conference to our educational interests. This I wish to do briefly, as other reports will cover more fully all the items in the case.

The Iowa Wesleyan University has had a fairly prosperous year, considering the hard times. The Board of Trustees and Conference Visitors met pursuant to regular call in the library room, June 14th, and transacted such business as regularly came before them. The Faculty was re-elected for the ensuing year, which gives general satisfaction. The consolidation of the "Howe Academy" with the Iowa Wesleyan University by the trustees was evidently a wise move, will no doubt find favor with all, and can not fail to add to the efficiency of the university by bringing a larger number of the young people into touch with the opportunity for a higher education. The whole number of students in attend-

ance during the year was 321. The number who graduated from the various departments of the college were as follows:

In the Classical Course.....	8
In the Philosophical Course.....	1
In the Scientific Course.....	9
In the Literary Course.....	2
In the Music Course.....	7
 Total	 27

The examinations developed very great satisfaction, both as to the ability of the instructors and the thorough work done by the students, and reflected credit on the work and management of the university.

The Mechanical Building was completed and equipped last January, and to some extent was patronized by the students. Undoubtedly this department has a desirable future for the school.

The Elizabeth Hershey Hall, or Ladies' Dormitory, is now completed with all the modern improvements and conveniences, and is a perfect model for strength and beauty, and fills a long-felt want for lady students. Quite a number of rooms are being furnished for immediate occupancy, and under the wise management of the Board will add largely to the much-needed facilities of the school.

Our Methodism must keep in touch with the progress of the times and with every vital interest of humanity, and to do so, we must maintain and develop to the highest possible degree of efficiency our colleges and universities. Outside of this we are circumscribed in all our efforts. The growing desire on the part of our young people for that broad culture, known as Christian education, is providential, and in strict accord with the faith and prayers of the Church. This godly ambition to fit themselves for the highest possible usefulness ought to receive encouragement; otherwise irreparable loss will be sustained.

I think I can vouch for the loyalty and devotion of the Burlington District to this vital interest, and whatever may be the expressed judgment of the Conference as to method or plans of work for the coming year touching the university, by which it will be better prepared to do its work, and make good all that its title signifies, meeting all the pressing demands of the hour, I pledge you the hearty co-operation of the preachers of the district, and through them the laymen.

It was the unanimous judgment of the Board of Trustees, and so expressed by vote, that Brother T. J. Myers be appointed by the Bishop of this Conference to the treasurership and agency of the university, to which he has been elected. This everywhere finds approval.

The benevolences, I fear, will not measure up to those of last year. In hope that the times would improve, many of the brethren deferred their collections until late, when local and other causes largely prevented. Still I am confident that the brethren, as a rule, have labored faithfully to meet their apportionments, and only for the lack of a larger faith on the part of the Church, they would have been met.

Our Church literature is generally used in our Sunday-schools, but

the exceptions ought to be corrected as soon as possible. In many of the homes of our people it is painfully absent.

The great need of the district is a sweeping, Scriptural revival of religion after the old Methodist plan. Whatever may be the peculiar part of other denominations, Methodism is nothing without the baptism and witness of the Holy Ghost. We must keep our altar fires burning.

KEOKUK DISTRICT.

T. J. MYERS, Presiding Elder.

IN submitting my annual report, and the sixth of service on this district, I desire to acknowledge a gracious Providence that has permitted us to pursue the work of these years without hindrance from serious sickness, or even slight interruption from temporary illness. With one or two exceptions, I am pleased to report for the year general good health for the pastors and their families. Brother Barker, of Eldon, was laid aside for two months or more from a lameness that required surgical treatment. During his absence at the hospital, the brethren of the district kindly consented to fill his pulpit. The wife of Brother Beckham, who had been for months confined to her room from nervous affliction, was advised to go to Kirkville, Mo., for treatment. This necessitated the resignation of Brother Beckham as pastor of Mystic Charge, which took place the 10th day of April, and Brother E. J. Smith, a probationer of the St. Louis German Conference, was appointed to supply the charge. Brother Lawson, early in the Conference year, was transferred to India, and Exline was left to be supplied, and Brother Loughridge, a local elder of Centerville, was appointed to take this work. Except these irregularities, the work of the district has been most harmonious and satisfactory as between pastors and people. Death has come into the homes of two ministers. Brother John Burgess, a superannuated member of the Conference, after months of suffering, passed peacefully to his reward in heaven. The young and only daughter of Brother and Sister Barton, a promising and lovely girl of fifteen years, was stricken down with disease, and passed out of her young life to joys immortal in the life beyond.

REVIVALS.—The year has not been marked with extensive revival results. Most of the charges of the district have had conversions and accessions to the Church from probation, resulting in the aggregate between seven and eight hundred accessions. The benevolent causes of the Church have all been faithfully presented, and the results will show that the people are still in hearty sympathy with the missionary work of the Church. I hardly expected that we should be able to report the amount of last year, but we shall have a small increase. I am glad to note that there has been more earnest and systematic work done by the pastors in the benevolences than formerly, and this is having an educational effect, as well as to increase the collections.

A new parsonage has been built on the Troy Circuit. A new church is in process of erection at Bonaparte to cost \$3,500, and is a much-needed improvement. Several churches have been rearranged and reseated, that have much improved their appearance and convenience. Two of these are on the Batavia Charge, one at County Line, and the other at Bladensburg. Milton has been temporarily enlarged, waiting the time to build a new and commodious edifice. The chapel at Lebanon has been remade, and is virtually a new church. The Church property of the district is quite well cared for, and while we can not boast of expensive buildings, they answer the purposes, and, as a rule, are neat and clean.

The salaries of the preachers were fixed at about the same as last year, with a slight increase in a few charges. The stringency of financial matters has made payments slow, and in a few cases there will be serious deficiency. While the times have been close, the great want in order to succeed in all financial matters of the Church is the right men for stewards. The Scriptural injunction is as much a necessity now as it was in former says, "It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." Our District Conferences have been well attended by the ministerial members, two sessions of which have been held, the fall session at Batavia, in October, and the summer session at Keosauqua, in July. These we find helpful to all interests of district work. The records of these District Conferences are here for inspection by the proper committee. A profitable and enthusiastic District League was held at Fairfield last May. The organization of the Leagues has proven to be very beneficial to the young life of the Church. I here make special mention of the Junior League, as being a real help and blessing to the children of the Church and Methodism. Children's-day was quite generally observed, and the results have not been disappointing. The eighty Sunday-schools are doing well, and maintaining their numerical strength. A majority are organized into Missionary Societies. I should be glad to report a greater growth in every way, but rejoice in the good degree of prosperity that has been attained.

In submitting my last annual report, it may be well to note some of the changes that have been made, as also the evidence of growth during the six years. Two years ago a readjustment of the charges was made, that gave us, we think, a more compact and convenient arrangement of the district. Two charges were added, Libertyville and Batavia. Five new churches have been built; viz., Birmingham, Montrose, White Chapel, Douds, and Mt. Moriah. Nine parsonages have been built or purchased; viz., Montrose, Moulton, Mystic, Libertyville, West Grove, Mt. Zion, Salina, Cantril, and Troy. Other properties have been much improved. Fairfield has purchased a site for a parsonage, at a cost of \$1,000, and in the coming year may build a modern and commodious home for the pastor. I found, at the close of my first year, a total membership in the district of five thousand ninety three. We now have more than seven thousand, showing a net gain of between seventeen and eighteen hundred. We have raised in these six years a total for missions of nineteen thou-

sand five hundred dollars; for Church Extension, eleven hundred dollars; for Freedmen's Aid, ten hundred and fifty dollars; for Iowa Wesleyan University, seventeen hundred dollars; for ministerial support, one hundred and twenty-four thousand nine hundred dollars. These figures, compared with the aggregate amounts of the six preceding years, show a gain for missions of seven thousand six hundred and sixteen dollars; Church Extension, three hundred and seventy dollars; Freedmen's Aid, three hundred dollars; ministerial support, twenty-one thousand seven hundred and fifty-four dollars; Conference claimants, seven hundred and twenty-five dollars.

The total number of preachers who have labored with us in these six years on the Keokuk District is fifty-four. Of these, four have died; viz., Brothers Carl, Robinson, Power, and Murphy. There has been no year of the six that we have not had some revival, and in most of these the pastor has been the revivalist.

Our people in the main are loyal Methodists, and are satisfied with the doctrines and polity of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and have no controversy with those who differ from us.

In leaving the district, it is gratifying to hand over to my successor a loyal and enthusiastic membership, a carefully chosen and well organized list of Official Boards and Quarterly Conferences, and a roll of pastors who will stand by the old Church and the presiding elder, and who believe in the gospel as the power of God unto salvation, a ministry and membership whose chief business is to save men and spread holiness over these lands.

In concluding this report, I desire in this formal way to express my sincere obligations to the brethren who have labored with us in these years for the hearty welcome I have received at your hands and into your homes. We trust the record on high will accord to each one of you, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

J. C. W. COXE, Presiding Elder.

I CLOSE my second year on the Muscatine District with gratitude for unimpaired strength, for signal marks of Divine favor, and for the hearty co-operation and love of my brethren, the pastors of the district.

The year has been one of general peace and prosperity. Revival influences have prevailed on most of the charges—notably so where "the people had a mind to work." One case may be mentioned without suspicion of invidious comparison. Brother D. C. Bevan, appointed to Letts Charge, early found a revival spirit abroad at Grandview, and more than one hundred professed conversion. In a meeting held later at Letts, nearly an equal number came into the kingdom. This result illustrates a marked feature incident to our economy, that "one soweth and another reapeth;" to the God of the harvest be all the glory! I shall

not essay a detailed report of revival efforts and results, preferring that the pastors make these returns; but I bear witness to faithful, earnest, consecrated labor on the part of these servants of the Church.

Nor do I attempt to forestall the pastoral reports on benevolences. These have, in most cases, been diligently looked after, and the exhibit will be creditable; where any marked failure may appear, I am apprehensive that it may be accounted for by the fact that General Delay was in charge of the forces, and that his movements were uniformly too late. I have remonstrated against this policy, as also against the running of a public omnibus in the hope of getting rich on ten-cent fares; but not always effectually.

A free-will offering toward the indebtedness of the Freedmen's Aid Society was taken on many of the charges, and a similar offering was asked in the interest of the missionary debt. The aggregate of these efforts I am unable to state, as some of the brethren forgot to respond to my request for returns.

In the improvement of churches and parsonages, not quite the usual activity has prevailed, though some noteworthy results have been achieved. On Sabbath afternoon, May 9th, a fire broke out in First Church, Muscatine, which in a short time reduced the structure to a desolate ruin. Promptly after the adjustment of the insurance the work of repair was begun, and the renovated building, now nearing completion, will in many ways be more attractive and valuable than before.

A new church has been long needed at North English; under the leadership of Brother J. R. Payne, the people with marked unanimity said, "Let us rise up and build." The work is well under progress, and it is to be hoped that before winter the neat and commodious house may be dedicated to the service of God. On the Millersburg Charge all the old debts have been decently buried, and improvements made at Hope Chapel costing nearly \$100, with all bills paid. A similar happy result has been reached on the Victor Charge as to indebtedness, and the church at Guernsey has new windows, while a good bell summons the worshipers to the house of prayer—and the \$140 expense is paid. Marengo has expended \$82 in repairs; at Keswick, on the Webster Charge, a Church Extension loan has been discharged; and at West Liberty a furnace is to diffuse genial heat through the parsonage, greatly to the comfort and convenience of the occupants thereof.

At a recent session of the District Conference the pastors pledged \$100 for the furnishing of four rooms in the Elizabeth Hershey Hall of our university, in order to promptly facilitate the opening of that much-needed building with the fall term.

The District Camp-meeting—by this misnomer it has been called for years—was unusually well attended, the number of tents being greater than for many years. The preaching was excellent, that by brethren from without the district being exceptionally vigorous and spiritual; the Bible readings conducted by Brother J. E. Newsome were instructive and helpful; but the results were to many disappointing. Such as actively

participated in the services were benefited; but a majority of the Christian people in attendance were mere lookers-on, wonderingly waiting for some extraordinary manifestation, or spiritual necromancy, such as Naaman the Syrian leper expected from Elisha the prophet. I am firmly of the conviction that some marked modifications of the plans heretofore followed will be necessary in order to insure future success to this time-honored encampment.

Here, however, as always in the Church, the great problem is that of spirituality of purpose and deed. This is the lack in our Churches, more than of means or members. Class-meetings are largely an unknown quantity. Where they nominally exist, they are attended only by the faithful remnant of the holy seed, who either cherish the tradition or have the experience of the "old-time religion;" but much more frequently the class-meeting is an adjunct of the prayer-meeting, held semi-occasionally where there is no preaching service, and its exercises indistinguishable from the "speaking" phase of any prayer-meeting. With our young people the Epworth League devotional service is generally considered as a substitute or equivalent for the class-meeting, and not infrequently for the regular Church prayer-meeting. This fact bodes no good, either to League or Church.

I last year alluded to the field for work among the Bohemians of Washington County. Fortunately the way opened for securing the services of the Rev. R. M. De Castello, of Cedar Rapids, through the generosity of friends of the enterprise, and a contribution from the income of the Snyder Fund for Home Mission Work in that county. A Sunday-school of thirty members has been gathered, and a congregation of from fifty to sixty has heard the word of life in their mother tongue once a month. The future of this work appears hopeful; another year will test its stability.

Uniform kindness and courtesy have marked my relations with preachers and people; God has been good, and his tender mercies have been over all.

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

W. G. WILSON, Presiding Elder.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN.—In presenting the report of my first year's work on the Oskaloosa District, I gratefully acknowledge the blessing of God in enabling me to meet all my appointments. I have held all my Quarterly Conferences, have tried to preach two hundred times, have administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper seventy-five times, have conducted fifty-nine love-feast services, and have had some part in all the quarterly-meeting services but four. My reception on the district by the brethren, both ministers and laymen, has been all, and more, than I could have asked, and has greatly assisted and encouraged me in my work.

The health of the pastors of the district and their families has, gen-

erally, been good. There have, however, been some exceptions. The infant son of Rev. J. A. Sinclair, after a long and distressing illness, died. The parents have found God's grace sufficient. In the latter part of December, Rev. S. P. Souden, pastor of Rose Hill Circuit, was taken seriously ill, and was confined to his home most of the winter, and just as he had recovered sufficiently to enter upon a series of meetings he was further afflicted by the sudden and shocking death of his mother, who was crushed under a railroad train. During his sickness his appointments were very acceptably filled by Rev. Thomas Rowe, a local preacher, of Beacon, Iowa.

In January, in the beginning of what promised to be a gracious meeting, Rev. W. B. Marsh, of New Sharon, was taken down with nervous prostration. He remained with the charge, hoping to be able to go on with his work, until in March, when he asked to be relieved of all responsibility, that he might have undisturbed rest. I appointed Rev. Herbert C. Hart, a local preacher in the charge, who at the time was attending school, as assistant pastor, who has done efficient work in that relation. I am happy to report that rest did for Brother Marsh what he and his friends had hoped, and that he is here to report for duty the coming year.

A daughter of Rev. A. W. Haines, pastor at What Cheer, was taken sick in February while away in college, and has been quite seriously ill most of the time since, until within a few weeks, she is much better, and there is promise of a complete recovery.

It will be remembered that at our last Conference session the wife of our beloved brother, Rev. J. B. Hardy, was reported very ill. This illness continued with increasing severity, accompanied by the most intense suffering, until the first days of December, when, suddenly and unexpectedly, she was not, for God had taken her. Sister Hardy's resignation through all her suffering was perfect, and her faith without a cloud.

The strain upon Brother Hardy was so great that, for a time, it was thought he would soon follow his wife; but I am happy to say that, with the return of spring, renewed health and vigor came back, and he is still with us, always an inspiration and blessing.

To Rev. H. C. Ethell the year has brought continued suffering, and at times his life has been despaired of; but he still lives, and at last report hoped to be present at this Conference.

Rev. W. F. Mair after the close of last Conference removed his family to Pella. He spent most of the winter in the West, and was benefited by the climate. Since the first days of July he has been in West Virginia, and is taking treatment in a sanitarium there, and hopes soon to be a well man.

To many of the homes of our people the year has brought suffering and bereavement. Quite a number have answered the final summons. It is the mission of the Church to prepare people to meet God, and we must not complain when they are taken.

The Church at New Sharon has been peculiarly bereaved in the recent death of Brother H. H. Hammond, for years the superintendent of the Sunday-school, and the district and recording steward, respected and loved by all. Brother Hammond was a glorious man, a rich product of our holy religion. His end was triumphant.

The pastors all went immediately after Conference to their several fields of labor, and, with one exception, are present to report their year's work. In March, Rev. H. E. Colby, pastor of Lacey Circuit, informed me that he had been elected to a professorship in one of our schools, and asked to be relieved of his work. I acceded to his request, and secured Rev. W. A. Longnecker, a member of this Conference, and for the last three years a student in the School of Theology in Boston University, to take the charge. Brother Longnecker has served the charge with efficiency and great acceptability to the people.

CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS.

The work of enlarging and beautifying the church at Newton, Rev. C. V. Cowan pastor, which was in progress at the time of last Conference, was completed, and the church was reopened by Bishop Vincent the 11th of October.

The entire cost of this improvement was \$4,000, and was all raised and has all been paid, except a few hundred dollars kept back until the furnace shall prove satisfactory.

This gives the congregation at Newton one of the best equipped church-edifices in the Conference.

Greenwood church, on the Taintor Circuit, Rev. A. W. McBlain pastor, which also had been projected before the last Conference, was carried forward and completed, and was dedicated by Rev. M. Bamford the 29th of November. The cost of this country church was about \$900.

The church-building in which we are assembled was nearing its completion at the last session of the Conference. It was dedicated by Dr. Ives, of New York, on the 13th of December. That was a red-letter day in the history of Oskaloosa Methodism. On that day over \$18,000 was laid on God's altar, which, with property held by the trustees, amply provides for all liabilities. The total cost of this church, exclusive of the ground on which it stands, is \$38,834. The church speaks for itself, and when we take into consideration the circumstances under which it was built, especially the recent union of the two Churches and the extreme stringency of the times, it stands an enduring monument, not only of the far-seeing faith and masterful leadership of its pastor, Rev. M. Bamford, and of the consecration and practical business ability of the Official Board and Building Committee, but also of the fact that God has put his hand in blessing upon this union. He has caused the hearts of the people to flow together, so that it may be truthfully said, they are no more twain, but one. Hitherto it had been stated as a fact that First Church and Simpson had united; this church-building standing in its strength and beauty is God's declaration that these streams which had flowed

in distinct, and, to some extent, rival channels, have, indeed, become one, and the gracious revival which followed the dedication is, I doubt not, a prophecy of the career of usefulness and power upon which it has entered.

Sunday morning, May 2d, the church at Fairview, on the Lacey Circuit, was burned to the ground. There was no insurance, and at first the brethren were discouraged; but under the inspiring leadership of their pastor, Rev. W. A. Longnecker, they went immediately to work, and soon had money sufficient subscribed to replace the old one with a far more convenient and beautiful structure. This new building is to be dedicated the 26th inst., and will cost \$900.

Saturday morning, May 8th, the church at Coal Creek, on the Thornburg Circuit, was burned. The brethren here were cheered by receiving \$1,060 insurance, and immediately arranged to rebuild. They selected one of our Church Extension plans, and out of the ashes of the old one there has arisen a beautiful modern structure at a cost of \$2,000. It was dedicated by Dr. Stafford, August 29th, with great rejoicing, the people shouting grace, grace unto it. The brethren speak enthusiastically of the zeal and efficiency of their pastor, Rev. J. A. Sinclair, in his work, and the congregation voted unanimously inviting him back for another year.

The church at Grinnell, under the able leadership of their pastor, Rev. J. E. Corley, is making substantial progress in meeting the liabilities that people so heroically assumed on the day of dedication.

In quite a number of other charges improvements more or less extensive have been made, and in several instances debts have been paid.

PASTORS' SALARIES.

The allowance to the pastors was about as last year, and in many cases has been paid in full; but I am sorry to say that some will have to report deficiencies. This results largely from the fact that the people are feeling in a remarkable degree the pressure of the times. No market for their grain, and their hogs dying by the tens of thousands, it is, perhaps, not a matter of surprise that the financial interests of the Church have suffered; yet, in some cases, I am constrained to believe the disposition to retrench has been unduly exercised toward the interests of the Church.

BENEVOLENCES.

That the benevolences of the Church should be affected by this condition of things among our people follows as a matter of course. I wish to record my appreciation of the faithfulness of the pastors and many of the people of the district to these interests. I think the aggregate of benevolences will be somewhat in advance of last year. There has been, as I believe, an honest attempt on the part of the pastors to carry out the provision of the Discipline in regard to these interests.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The interests of the Sunday-schools on the district are carefully looked after. The schools are mostly supplied with our own helps, and

in many cases liberal provision is made in this regard, but some few persist in using what they claim to be cheaper helps.

EPWORTH LEAGUES.

There are twenty-nine Epworth Leagues in the district, with 1,584 members, and sixteen Junior Leagues, with 908 members. About three hundred *Epworth Heralds* are taken. These organizations of our young people are everywhere a blessing and inspiration to the Church. A very enthusiastic and successful League Convention was held in New Sharon in June.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

Two sessions of the District Conference have been held: one at Brooklyn, November 9th to 11th, and one at Pella, July 12th to 14th. These were fairly well-attended, and are remembered as seasons of blessing.

CHURCH RECORDS.

I have been calling special attention to the Church records, insisting on a report from a Committee on Church Records. In many of the membership records the names of persons who have moved away, in some the names of deceased persons, have been continued on the rolls and reported. I have advised that these names all be properly disposed of, and that only the names of persons present and accounted for be reported for the Minutes. I shall be surprised if this does not result in reducing the aggregate membership reported from this district.

CHURCH LITERATURE.

One of the most discouraging things I have met with on the Oskaloosa District, is the comparatively small number of Church papers taken. There are less than four hundred *Advocates* taken on the entire district. People can not be much interested in things of which they are ignorant. Ignorance of our Church is a necessity to those who do not read our papers. I have done what I could in this connection, and have reason to believe that the pastors are faithfully attempting to remedy the matter; but the fact is, there is a strange—I will say alarming—apathy on this subject. The great mass of Methodist people on the Oskaloosa District do not read our papers. I wish this district were an exception; but as it is not, here is one of the gravest questions confronting us as a Church, and the most earnest and thoughtful attention should be given it, and we should prepare to adopt heroic methods, if thereby it may be remedied.

SPIRITUAL INTERESTS.

The spiritual work on the district has not been all that was desired and hoped for. In this latitude the fall months present the best opportunity for special meetings. Last fall the political excitement was such that it was almost useless to attempt to hold revival services. In the winter months the weather was extremely unpropitious. The roads much of the time were almost impassable. In addition to these things, there

was a vast amount of sickness. In some charges meetings were begun, and had to be closed on account of the great number that were sick. Yet the year has not been without spiritual results. Several precious meetings were held, and in most of the charges there has been substantial progress, and in the neighborhood of five hundred souls have been converted at our altars. As I have passed over the district, I have been constantly reminded that other men have labored, and we have entered into their labors, and have rejoiced to hear in all the Churches the praises of those who have preceded us.

O T T U M W A D I S T R I C T.

D. C. SMITH, Presiding Elder.

THIS fourth annual report for Ottumwa District finds us, as a Church, holding the ground and making some advancement, notwithstanding the complications and difficulties that have been in the way.

The pastors all went to their charges in reasonable time, and most of them have continued in earnest toil until the close of the year.

One beloved brother, William E. Patterson, pastor of Agency Charge, was called in the midst of the Conference year to exchange the sickle for the crown. His death occurred suddenly on Sunday night after a full and vigorous day's labor in preaching and the other duties of the Sabbath. He was a good man and a faithful minister.

Brother Thomas Osborn, a member of the Conference, was secured to take the pastorate three weeks later, and has done the work well.

Brother J. M. Hooper, in charge of Cedar Circuit, was afflicted with bronchitis most of the year, so that he was not able to do full work much of the time. For the last two months he has been traveling in the West, seeking to regain his health. During his absence Brother E. H. Waring filled the pulpit for several Sabbaths with much acceptability.

Brother J. C. Caughlan, of Eddyville Charge, who entered the year with severe illness—after months of suffering, during which he could do but little ministerial work—has finally, he thinks, entirely recovered his health, and is ready for full work. Several others of the pastors suffered brief disability by affliction, lasting from two to five weeks, but are now all answering to roll-call.

Mrs. Sarah Ann Robinson, the faithful and honored wife of our aged and beloved Brother Anthony Robinson, died in great peace at their home in Ottumwa, June 18, 1897.

The closing year has been somewhat more fruitful in conversions than last year, and I think also in the numbers received into the Church. The growth in material improvement has not equaled some other years, although a good many of the parsonages and churches have been repaired and increased in value and comfort. We mention a few. Furnace heating was placed in the church at Agency. Both the churches of Kirkville Charge were put in excellent repair. Fremont church was much im-

proved by new paper; Willard Street church by new carpet; Lovilia church by carpet, some furniture, and painting; Blakesburg church by papering and painting; Albia parsonage by new veranda and painting: and First Church, Ottumwa, placed new carpets in parsonage and a new pipe-organ in the church.

The Moravia new church, mentioned in our last annual report, was completed and dedicated in November by Rev. Dr. C. L. Stafford.

A new church, called Beulah, and costing \$1,008, was built on the Attica Circuit, and dedicated, May 23d, by the writer. Also, on the Eddyville Circuit, Hayden Chapel was built at a cost of about \$1,000, and dedicated, June 6th, by Professor W. H. Mahaffie. All these churches are now paid for.

Our District Conferences for the year were held, one in Moravia in November, and the other in Packwood in July. Both were well attended, and very satisfactory in their results, and both were most hospitably entertained by the pastors, members, and citizens.

The Epworth League Chapters are doing some excellent work in the district. They held a very successful Convention in the month of May at Packwood. The Rev. Jesse Bowman Young, D. D., editor of the *Central*, favored the Convention with his presence, and gave a very attractive and instructive lecture.

Again we record our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for health and strength to do the work assigned us, and to the pastors and people for the kind and Christian treatment extended to us during the year.

Dear Fathers and Brethren: We long to see a more general and thorough revival; one that will lift us to a plane of strong and consistent Christian *living and giving*, such as we think ought to characterize the disciples of the Lord Jesus. We believe there is among our leaders an increasing sense of this need, which stirs our hope. Too long has this better day been delayed by idleness and little faith on the one hand, and by fanaticism displaying "broad phylacteries," but producing "nothing but leaves" on the other hand. However, there are many who have not "bowed the knee to Baal," who are earnest and obedient toilers, and to whom—it is our faith—the Lord of the Harvest will soon give reward of grains richer and more abundant.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

WE, the Auditing Committee, report as follows:

CONFERENCE EXPENSES.

Conference Secretary,	\$8 25
Conference Treasurer,	3 00
Statistical Secretary,	1 50
Total,	\$12 75
Amount due,	\$12 75

E. S. DAILY, Chairman.

BIBLE SOCIETY.

IN view of the supreme importance of the general circulation of the Word of God at home and abroad, as it is the chief source of supply to our missionary work in all lands, and as it is "the only and sufficient guide for our faith and practice;" therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we are in full sympathy with the American Bible Society in its great aim to give an open Bible to all in our own land in every tongue, and to the whole world, as soon as possible.

Resolved, 2. That we rejoice in the grand record of this Society, in the eighty-one years of its history, in the circulation of over 163,000,000 volumes in nearly one hundred languages and dialects.

Resolved, 3. That we will endeavor to carry out the resolutions of the General Conference, and see that every charge takes its Bible collection, and will endeavor to increase the same till we reach the standard of former years, instead of the humiliation of contributing less than one-third of what we did thirty years ago.

D. S. DUNLAVY, Chairman.

CHAS. COGGESHALL, Secretary.

BOOK ACCOUNTS.

WE, your Committee, would report that, with a few exceptions, the members of the Conference have settled their accounts.

Some residing without the bounds of the Conference have not settled their bills.

R. BREEDEN, Chairman.

E. E. DOUD, Secretary.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

RECOGNIZING the fact that the past few years have been a time of great financial depression, and that the interests of our Book Concern affect the interests of Methodism in a most vital manner, therefore, we urge that there be given to it our most earnest, enthusiastic support, by increasing our diligence in circulating Methodist literature in the Church, Sunday-school, home and community, and soliciting personally its patronage on the several charges of our Conference.

We are glad to note the steady increase in the patronage of the *Epworth Herald* and the other periodicals of the Church, and as the *Church Advocates* have been reduced in price, we confidently expect a larger increase in their circulation this Conference year.

Since all books, wherever published, may be had through the Book Concern, we urge its patronage, that its dividends may be thus increased.

COMMITTEE.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

We congratulate the Board of Church Extension on the successes achieved from its origin till the present; but past success ought only to be a foundation for larger operations in the future.

Resolved, 1. We are heartily sorry to be informed of the large deficit caused by the neglect of so many pastors to present the cause of Church Extension.

Resolved, 2. We recommend to all pastors "Christianity in Earnest," and also the gratuitous helps furnished by the Board—namely, Glad Tidings and the collection envelopes.

Resolved, 3. We approve of the amount apportioned to the Iowa Conference, and pledge ourselves to use all diligence to raise the said amount, not because of the aid coming to our Conference, but for the good of destitute communities, that the people everywhere may have opportunity to "enter His courts with praise." JOHN BRIDGES, Chairman.

D. C. BEVAN, Secretary.

CHURCH INSURANCE.

THE Joint Commission of the four Iowa Conferences have succeeded in establishing an insurance company, known as "The Methodist Mutual," insuring only churches, parsonages, and property of ministers. They are now doing business under the laws of the State at a saving of 10 per cent at once, and at the present rate of increase in business, confidently expect, by the 1st of November, to be able to serve all our churches, parsonages, and ministers with insurance at actual cost.

We, therefore, as pastors of these churches, will immediately call the attention of our various Boards of Trustees to this mutual and low rate of insurance.

COMMITTEE.

DEACONESS BOARD.

THE Board, after receiving a satisfactory report and proper indorsement, recommends that the license of Miss Sophia Hubert, as deaconess, be renewed.

They also nominate the following persons for election upon the Board:

Class 1—Mrs. Nellie S. Brush.

Class 2—Mrs. P. M. Musser.

Class 3—Mrs. L. G. Murphy, I. B. Schreckengast, A. V. Kendrick.

The Board further requests the Conference to authorize them to employ a deaconess, within the bounds of the Conference, to represent the deaconess work, and that her support be provided by collections taken in the Churches served.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. L. G. MURPHY, Secretary.

R. L. PATTERSON, President.

EPISCOPAL FUND.

ALL the accounts referred to us have been examined, and we find all claims paid *pro rata*, except the following:

Drakeville Charge—R. Weese, \$7. ISAAC BORTS, Chairman.

J. G. BARTON, Secretary.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

YOUR Committee on District Conference Records have examined the records, and find them correctly kept. A. B. HIGHTSHOE, Chairman.

W. H. DILLON, Secretary.

EDUCATION.

WITH gratitude we recognize:

1. That there is such manifest hunger among our young people in general, and young preachers in particular, for higher and specific education.

2. That in our Iowa Wesleyan University in its particular sphere, and other like Methodist institutions in theirs, and in our Garrett, Drew, Boston, DePauw, and Iliff Schools of Theology, are afforded, at moderate cost, ample facilities for satisfying that hunger.

3. That our Board of Education is enabled to furnish so much aid to those who are in need of the same.

We recommend:

1. All Iowa Conference young people, as far as practicable, to attend our school at Mt. Pleasant, and all our young men contemplating the ministry to seek their special equipment at one of our "Schools of the Prophets."

2. That each pastor take, annually, the collection both for our local and general educational work.

3. That the Board of Trustees of Iowa Wesleyan University strictly conform to Article II, Section 6, of Articles of Incorporation, and to the sub-section "(5), (a)," of By-laws, both of which relate to the method of handling and safeguarding the funds of the university.

4. That the following brethren be appointed Visitors to Iowa Wesleyan University, as follows: J. W. Lambert, W. P. Stoddard, and J. C. Calhoun, for one year; J. R. Payne, G. M. Tuttle, and H. C. Hollingsworth, two years; P. J. Henness, W. H. Jones, and J. H. Lukens, three years; the outgoing class to be replaced annually by new members.

That J. W. Hackley and F. E. Brush be Visitors to Garrett; J. A. Boatman, to Drew; R. F. Hurlburt, to DePauw; W. F. Clapp, to Boston, and C. L. Tenant, to Iliff, Schools of Theology, respectively.

We record our sincere appreciation of the visit and addresses on elocution and preaching of Professor G. K. Morris, of Boston University School of Theology, and will hail with delight his coming again.

Also the visits and addresses of Dr. C. H. Payne, of the Board of Education, and Dr. S. L. Beiler, of the American University, and Dr. S. C. Bronson, of Garrett Biblical Institute, and heartily commend the causes they respectively represent.

COMMITTEE.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

WE, your Committee on Epworth League, submit the following report:

We heartily sense the significance of our grand army of young Epworth hosts. We recognize in it that which supplies a great need in our beloved Church. We rejoice in the rapid strides that have been taken during the last year, and record with considerable gratification that we are nearing the two-million line. We commend the *Epworth Herald* as our official organ. We believe it to be invaluable in Church literature for our young people. The paper has such unquestioned worth that we do not attempt to eulogize it; for it stands on its own distinctive merits. We most heartily indorse the proposition submitted to our Conference by the Iowa Epworth League Commission. We congratulate the League and the Church upon the splendid gift made by Colfax and the Rock Island Railroad. Respectfully submitted.

J. E. VANWINKLE, Secretary.

J. WESLEY POTTER, Chairman.

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

WE heartily indorse the work of this Society, and earnestly request our pastors and people to increase the efficiency of its work by increasing their donations to it. There was paid last year from our Conference to this cause \$933. There was raised this year \$1,155, an increase of \$222.

We are glad to mention the gift of Mrs. S. A. White, of Martinsburg, of \$500 to this fund, and earnestly hope that others will follow her example and "do likewise."

We are asked to raise \$2,600 for the coming year. We believe this can be easily raised if the pastors will take an increased interest in the matter.

We are glad to note that some of our Charges have made an effort to assist in paying the debt, and hope that those who have not done so will do so at once. We are glad to report that \$50,000 of the debt has been paid, and earnestly hope the day will soon come when the last dollar is paid.

J. A. SINCLAIR, Secretary.

W. H. JONES, Chairman.

CONFERENCE INCORPORATION.

To the Iowa Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church:

DEAR BRETHREN,—Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of the Incorporation of the Conference beg leave to report:

1. That the Legislature of the State of Iowa has enacted that all corporations, other than those for pecuniary profit, hitherto incorporated under the former law for the term of twenty years, shall be extended to the term of fifty years; therefore, the charter of this Conference, adopted and filed in 1874, will not need renewal until 1924.
2. We return the accompanying By-laws for said corporation, and recommend their adoption.
3. That we recommend that the original charter be published in the minutes of the present year, for the information of the members of the Conference.
4. That the Secretary be, and is hereby, directed to entitle in the Minutes the Board of Stewards as "the Stewards and Trustees."

Respectfully submitted.

COMMITTEE.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1874.

WHEREAS, The Iowa Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, an association organized within the State of Iowa, and according to the provisions of the Discipline of said Church, has, by a vote of a majority of its members, directed us, members of the said Conference, to proceed to the incorporation of the said Conference, agreeably to the laws of the State of Iowa on that subject made and provided:

Therefore, Be it known that we, whose names are hereunto subscribed—to wit: James G. Barton, C. S. Cooper, William H. Honn, J. T. Simmons, and L. O. Housel—being of lawful age and citizens of the State of Iowa and of the United States, do hereby, by authority of said Iowa Annual Conference, proceed to associate ourselves, together with all such persons who are, or hereafter may be, agreeably to the rules of the said Methodist Episcopal Church, members of the said Iowa Annual Conference, into a Corporation, by signing, acknowledging, and causing to be properly filed and recorded, according to law, this certificate, containing the Articles of Incorporation, as follows:

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be known by the corporate title of "The Iowa Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

ART. II. The objects of this Corporation shall be the promotion of religion, benevolence, and learning, in connection with the said Methodist Episcopal Church, and the support of the ministers, widows, and orphans connected with the said Iowa Annual Conference.

ART. III. The business of this Corporation shall be controlled and directed by the said Iowa Annual Conference, through a Board of not less than five Trustees, who shall consist of the persons elected from year to year the Stewards of the Conference, as provided by the Discipline of said Methodist Episcopal Church, and they shall hold their offices until their successors are appointed.

ART. IV. The said Iowa Annual Conference shall have full power to enact, amend, or annul such By-laws and other regulations for the control of said Board, and the management of the business of the Corporation, as may be consistent with this certificate and with the laws of the State of Iowa, and said Trustees shall make a full report of their business to the Annual Conference from year to year.

ART. V. The place of business of this Corporation shall be, during its annual sessions, at the seat of the said Iowa Annual Conference; but its regular place of business shall be at Ottumwa, Iowa.

ART. VI. This Corporation shall have full power to receive by purchase, donation, bequest, or otherwise, any real or personal property for the use of said Corporation, and to hold and dispose of the same; providing, that the sum so held at any one time shall not exceed \$50,000. It shall have the right to sue and be sued, and shall also enjoy all other rights and privileges that are now, or that hereafter may be, conferred by the laws of the State of Iowa upon similar corporations, and which may be applicable to the circumstances and needs of this Corporation. And the private property of the members shall not be liable for any debts of the Corporation.

ART. VII. In case of the Corporation becoming vested of real estate, whether in trust or otherwise, where it is so desired, the Corporation may appoint local Trustees to take charge of the same, under such conditions as the Corporation may determine.

ART. VIII. This Corporation shall continue in force for twenty years, and be subject to renewal; and this certificate may be amended, agreeably to the provisions of the laws of the State of Iowa, and by a majority vote of the said Iowa Annual Conference.

ART. IX. The first Board of Trustees of said Corporation shall consist of the following persons, Stewards of the said Iowa Annual Conference, viz.: J. G. Barton, C. S. Cooper, W. H. Honn, J. T. Simmons, and L. O. Housel.

As witness our hands at Bloomfield, Iowa, this 21st day of September, 1874.

J. G. BARTON, J. T. SIMMONS,
C. S. COOPER, L. O. HOUSEL.
W. H. HONN,

STATE OF IOWA, } ss.
DAVIS COUNTY, }

BE it remembered that on this 21st day of September, A. D. 1874, appeared before me, J. B. Weaver, a notary public in and for Davis County, Iowa, J. G. Barton, J. T. Simmons, C. S. Cooper, W. H. Honn, and L. O.

Housel, personally known to me to be the identical persons they represent themselves to be; and severally acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument to be their voluntary act and deed.

Witness my hand and seal notarial,

[L. S.]

J. B. WEAVER, Notary Public.

Filed for Record November 2, 1874, at 3 o'clock P. M., in the office of the recorder of deeds of Wapello County, Iowa, and recorded in Book 10, page 305, November 3, 1874.

W. KIRKPATRICK, Recorder.

BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The Iowa Annual Conference, in its annual session assembled at Oskaloosa, Iowa, September 8, 1897, in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation of said Iowa Annual Conference, adopted September 21, 1874, and filed for record on the 2d day of November, 1874, in the office of the recorder of deeds of Wapello County, State of Iowa, at 3 P. M., and recorded in Book 10, page 305 thereof, do enact the following By-laws for the regulation of the business of said Corporation, as controlled and managed by said Trustees, viz. :

1. The said Trustees shall organize themselves, immediately after their election annually, by the election from their number of a Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall severally perform the usual duties of such officers.
2. The said Trustees shall keep a regular record of their doings, which shall be subject to the examination of the members of the said Conference.
3. The said Treasurer, if the Conference so direct, shall file with the Secretary of the Conference, a bond, in such sum as the Conference or the said Board of Trustees may fix, and subject to the approval of the said Board.
4. The said Trustees shall make no appropriation of any funds in their hands, nor pay out the same, without the order and consent of the said Annual Conference; nor shall they sell and convey any real estate which they may hold for the said Conference, or dispose of any notes or securities so held by them, except to collect the money that may be due thereon, without such approval and consent.
5. The Trustees of said Conference may appoint some suitable person as a Loan Agent, to take charge of the investment and collection of the assets of the incorporation, or of such portion thereof as may be placed in his hand: PROVIDED, that such agent shall give a bond in the same manner, and approved in the same method, and deposited, as the bond herein provided for the Treasurer of the Conference Trustees.
6. The Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall have authority, upon the order of the said Board, and the approval of the Conference, to sign and authenticate any and all contracts that may so require, by its authority, and in the name of the said Board.
7. Two-thirds of the members of said Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business properly coming before it.

8. In addition to the regular Stewards' report, required of them as the Stewards of the Conference, they shall report annually the condition of the trust funds that may be in their hands, and the amount of the same, together with the receipts during the current year, and the payments, if any, made from the same.

9. The Secretary, for easy reference, shall enter a copy of the Articles of Incorporation, and of these By-laws in the record of the said Board.

The above By-laws were enacted and adopted by the Iowa Annual Conference, in regular session assembled, this 13th day of September, 1897.

C. L. STAFFORD, Secretary. JAMES N. FITZGERALD, Chairman.

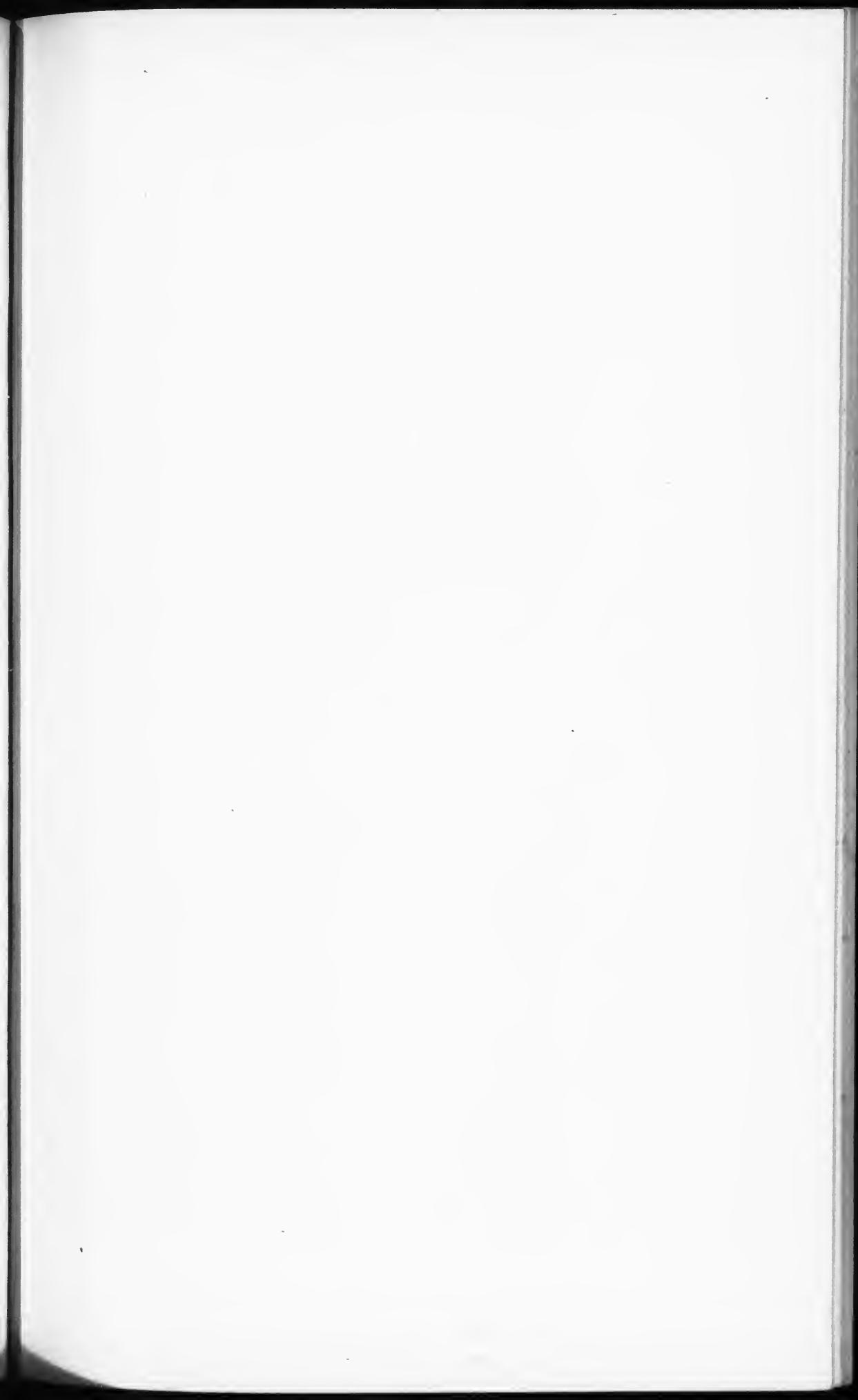
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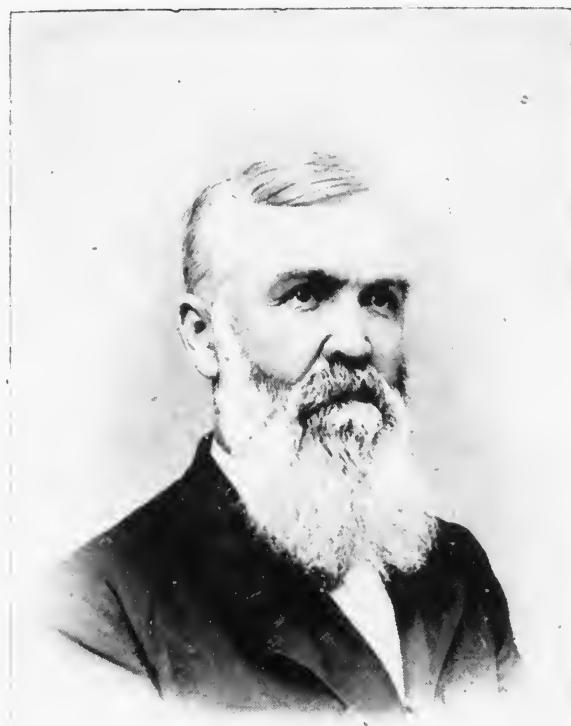
To the Iowa Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church:

DEAR BRETHREN,—Your Committee, to whom was referred the matter of the tomb of Rev. Joseph Jamison, deceased, beg leave to report that they have made inquiry with respect to the matter referred to them, and find that the Iowa Methodist State Convention, which met at Iowa City, in July, 1871, on motion of Rev. T. E. Corkhill, appointed a Committee to raise the funds and place a monument over the grave in the old cemetery in that city; which Committee afterwards reported the work performed. They also received a letter from Dr. Corkhill, stating that at the prior request of Brother Jamison, the remains were brought to Iowa City for interment, and were buried in a lot belonging to the Church, in the cemetery there, after appropriate services conducted by Dr. Corkhill himself. No further attention seems to be necessary in the case at this time.

Respectfully submitted.

E. H. WARING,
J. C. W. COXE.

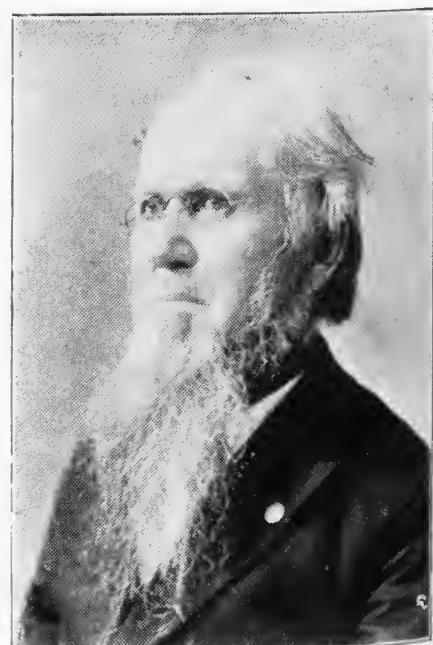




REV. WILLIAM E. PATTERSON.



REV. THOMAS E. CORKHILL.



REV. JOHN BURGESS.

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Rush, of Ainsworth, Iowa, with whom he lived happily until his death. She has the sympathy and prayers of a large circle of friends. The funeral services were held in the church at Agency, under the charge of the elder, Rev. D. C. Smith, assisted by a number of his ministerial brethren, the pall-bearers being selected from his official members and the Army Post, of which he was the loved chaplain. The burial was at Vernon, with members of the family who had passed on before.

REV. JOHN BURGESS, M. D.

REV. JOHN BURGESS, M. D., a veteran member of the Iowa Conference, passed to his reward May 6, 1897. He was born in Frederick County, Md., May 2, 1821. In early childhood he removed with his parents to Mt. Vernon, O., where he grew to young manhood. At the age of seventeen he entered Newark Seminary, under the presidency of Rev. (afterwards Bishop) Edward Thomson. From there he graduated with honor in 1841. While at school he was licensed to exhort, and soon after to preach. At the North Ohio Conference of 1843 he was admitted on trial, and entered on his career as a Methodist preacher, covering in all fifty-four years. May 10, 1847, he married Sarah A. Grey, who for nearly fifty years shared with him the sunshine and shadow of an itinerant's home. After ten years of labor in Ohio he was transferred to the Illinois Conference, and from thence, in 1858, he came to the Iowa Conference. In the war, Brother Burgess was chaplain of the 30th Iowa Infantry until, prostrated by disease, he was compelled to return home; after which, as pastor of Exchange Street Church, Keokuk, he performed faithful labor among the soldiers in the hospitals at that place. He was the author of a volume of earnest sermons, and of a book of "Pleasant Recollections of Pioneer Methodism." In 1873 he was granted a supernumerary relation at his own request, since which time he has lived a retired, but not an inactive life at Keokuk, Iowa. He had a great desire to live for further usefulness; but as the end drew near, he cheerfully awaited the summons to "come up higher." The memorial service of this servant of the Church was held in First Church, Keokuk, Rev. Dr. Goodfellow, of Chicago; Rev. T. J. Myers, his presiding elder; the pastor of First Church, with which he was associated; and other members of the Conference and ministers of the city, took part in the solemn services, and assisted, with a company of old and well-tried friends in laying, his form in the tomb.

REV. EDWARD W. TWINING.

REV. EDWARD W. TWINING was born in Tolland, Mass., October 5, 1814, and died in Corning, Iowa, May 24, 1897. When he was one year old his parents removed to Granville, O., where he spent his boyhood. He pursued a course of study at the University of Ohio, and afterwards studied theology at Lane Seminary, under Dr. Lyman Beecher. He spent thirty-six years in the active ministry, and was twenty years non-effective. After his graduation from the seminary, he served the Presbyterian Church in

Ohio several years as a pastor; but a change coming over him, by which he renounced the stern doctrines of the decrees and embraced the Arminian theory of a general atonement and a free, a full, and a perfect salvation for lost men, he came to Iowa, and spent one winter at Muscatine in teaching. Here, having identified himself with the Methodist Episcopal Church, he commenced his labors as a Methodist preacher in the spring of 1846, when he became a supply on the Richmond Circuit. That fall, at the Conference which met at Bloomington (now Muscatine), Iowa, he was admitted on trial in the Conference, in which he graduated as a deacon at the Conference at Dubuque in 1848, and as an elder at the session held at Fairfield in 1850, being ordained a deacon by Bishop Thomas A. Morris, and elder by the sainted Hamline. His appointments in the Conference were: 1846, Bear Creek Mission; 1847, Iowa City Mission; 1848-49, Washington Mission; 1850-51, Marion Mission; 1852, Tipton; 1853, Iowa City again; 1854, Fort Des Moines Mission. In 1855 he located, but the following year was readmitted, and from 1856 to 1859 was on the Muscatine District; 1860-61, Bethel Circuit; 1862-63, Richmond Circuit; 1864-65, Lexington; 1866-67, Crawfordsville. From 1868 to 1871 he was superannuated, and resided in Washington, Iowa. In 1872 he was again made effective, and appointed to Keota; 1873-75, Coneville. In the centenary year, 1876, he finally retired from the active work, since which time he has resided at Corning, Iowa. He was a preacher of more than ordinary ability, and his zeal and self-sacrifice gained him a warm place in the hearts of the people he served. He was closely connected with the founding of Cornell College, and personally secured the first teacher for that institution. February 3, 1840, he married Adaline Weed, and five children resulted from this union, the only survivor being Dr. E. T. Twining, of Sheldon, Iowa. Having lost his first wife in 1848, on August 28, 1849, he married Priscilla B. Ashby, who, with an only son and his family, resides in Corning. Having suffered from paralysis some years ago, he had been recently in feeble health; but he was able to be on the street till within a week of his death. He was a warm friend to his pastor, and his faith and patience were a benediction to all who knew him. His funeral was attended by several ministers, including his neighbor, the Catholic priest, who united in honoring his memory. His remains were placed in the Corning cemetery. The Iowa Conference never had a truer man than Edward W. Twining.

REV. DR. THOMAS E. CORKHILL.

REV. DR. THOMAS E. CORKHILL was born on the Isle of Man, April 24, 1822, and died, after seven months of patient waiting, at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, June 30, 1897. His parents came to America in the year of his birth, and settled in Ohio. In 1849 he came to Henry County, Iowa, and began the practice of medicine. Converted when a boy, and reared by godly parents, who were among the first to embrace the Methodist doctrine in their native country and to endure persecution for it, it is not surprising that he should have been early called to the ministry. In 1844 he married Lucinda Crawford, and to them were given ten children, five of whom

survive. One of these holds a position in the Treasury Department at Washington City, one is filling a chair in Simpson College, and a third is a member of this Conference. Brother Corkhill entered the Iowa Conference on trial at the session of 1851. He was ordained deacon in 1853 by Bishop Levi Scott, and elder in 1855 by the eloquent Matthew Simpson. His appointments, which speak well alike for his talent and his faithfulness, have been: 1851, Middletown; 1852, Iowa City Mission; 1853, Dubuque Station; from 1854 to 1857, inclusive, agent of the Iowa Wesleyan University; 1858-59, Chatham Square, Keokuk; 1861-63, Mt. Pleasant District. In the fall of 1862, however, he was commissioned chaplain of the 25th Iowa Infantry, and was succeeded on his district by the Rev. J. Q. Hammond. On March 23, 1863, Brother Hammond having died, and Brother Corkhill, after faithful and efficient service in the army, returning on account of affliction, he resumed the work of the district. In 1864-66 he was at Division Street, Burlington. His subsequent appointments were: 1867, Oskaloosa Station; 1868, Conference misssionary, but changed to fill a vacancy in Main Street, Mt. Pleasant, where he was returned in 1869; 1870-71, First Church, Ottuniwa; 1872-74, Canaan Circuit; 1875-76, Centerville Station; 1877-80, Keokuk District; 1881-82, Bloomfield Station; 1883, agent Iowa Wesleyan University; 1884-86, Simpson Church, Oskaloosa; 1887-88, Mt. Pleasant Circuit; 1889, Salem and Hillsboro. In 1890 he took a supernumerary relation, since which time he has remained non-effective. In other ways than the ministry he has been active. To his wise foresight and influence is very largely to be attributed the establishment of the State Reform and Industrial Schools at Eldora and Mitchellville. It was by his influence that the Legislature of the State passed the bill erecting the Mount Pleasant Collegiate Institute into the Iowa Wesleyan University. He secured the services of James Harlan, afterwards senator and Secretary of the Interior, as its first president. As we have seen, he was for several years its financial agent, and he gave invaluable aid to the institution by his wise counsels as one of its trustees, a post he filled from its beginning, in 1855, to his death. He was always prominent in the deliberations of the Conference, which he represented as a delegate in the General Conference of 1860. He was a man of many most estimable qualities of mind and heart; a fine preacher, a close student, a systematic worker, a faithful pastor, a wise administrator, a true friend, and a devoted Christian. His character was without reproach. "To do his Master's will was his chief thought and holiest ambition. Quiet, unobtrusive, if anything depreciating his own merits, he was at the same time manly, aggressive, and determined. A man of undoubted convictions, he exhibited a sweetness of spirit, a grace of soul, and a dignity of life that won for him the respect of all his associates. Men confided to him their secrets, sought his advice, and depended upon his judgment. To the writer, a prominent member of the General Conference once said, 'I believe that man Corkhill has more influence with the bishops than any other man in Iowa.' All of his children were with him during the last sad days. In much weakness of body, he had marvelous strength of spirit. His faith was increased by several remarkable revelations given him by the Lord. Serene, sincere, and pious, he 'walked with God,' and was very happy; and he died well. For him 'to live was Christ; to die was gain.'"

MRS. EMILY AMELIA HARDY.

EMILY AMELIA HARDY, wife of Rev. J. B. Hardy, and daughter of Rev. Milton Jameson, was born in Mt. Sterling, Ky., February 12, 1826, and died in Brooklyn, Iowa, December 1, 1896. She was converted and united with the Church when about twelve years old, and remained through life a faithful member. Her marriage to Father Hardy was on July 9, 1845, and with him she shared the trials and triumphs of the life of a pioneer itinerant for over fifty years. To them were born two daughters, who, with her husband, survive her. Mrs. Hardy had great intellectual power, and was a great student. To enjoy her society was instructive and edifying. She was a sufferer through most of her life, and especially the last year; but she bore it all with Christian fortitude. When unable to sleep for pain, she spent whole nights in prayer, and towards the close of her life she seemed to dwell constantly on the mount with God. Her faith was unfaltering, whether in sunshine or shadow. When the glory of the sun was all about her, she would exclaim, "I will enjoy it all;" and when the shadows came, she would repeat, "Under the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge until these calamities are overpast." She expressed a willingness to "depart and be with Christ;" and as her feet touched the waters of death, she said, with great fervor, "Rock of ages, cleft for me," repeating again, deliberately, the words, "Cleft for me." When the moment of departure came, she lifted her hand towards heaven, and said, "Lord Jesus, give me sleep," and with this prayer on her lips she passed beyond the veil. Father Hardy is now the oldest member of the Conference, having entered the Rock River Conference on trial in 1842, when he was assigned to labor in the Iowa District; and when this Conference was formed, in 1844, he was admitted into full connection. Being now bereaved, he has with him the sincere sympathies and prayers of the Conference and Church. The funeral of Sister Hardy was conducted in Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, Iowa, by the pastor, Rev. A. V. Kendrick, assisted by Rev. W. G. Wilson and Rev. I. N. Busby, and the remains were laid away in the Odd Fellows' Cemetery at Brooklyn.

MRS. SARAH ANN ROBINSON.

MRS. SARAH ANN ROBINSON, daughter of William and Mary Hammond, was born in Kentucky, July 26, 1821, and died in Ottumwa, Iowa, June 18, 1897. Her early life was spent in Indiana, where she was converted when about twelve years old. Oct. 7, 1838, she was married, near Boonville, Ind., to Rev. Anthony Robinson, then of the Southeast Indiana Conference. For forty-five years she shared with her husband the varied experiences of the wife of an effective preacher, and she was ever a loyal, devoted, and efficient helpmate. In 1857 her husband was transferred from Indiana to the Iowa Conference, and stationed at Ottumwa. For some eighteen years the family home was in the city of Mt. Pleasant, where the children of the family enjoyed the advantages of training in the Iowa Wesleyan University. In 1883, Brother Robinson superannuated,

and thereupon removed to Ottumwa, where they have since resided. Sister Robinson's last illness continued for thirteen weeks, and she bore her sufferings in serene faith and unbroken peace until God tenderly removed her to the heavenly home. Her experience was of the undoubting, radiant type, and when giving her testimony in the class and love-feast, her speech was direct and simple as a child's, and her face shone like a seraph's. She was early led into the blessed experience of perfect love; and amid all her sorrows and heavy labors she never lost that crown of glory. In her Christian life she combined practical common sense with glowing faith and enthusiastic devotion, and was a personal worker for Christ of rare power and success. Six children were born to her, of whom three are living: Mrs. Mary McDonald, widow of that noble man and minister, Dr. J. Wilbur McDonald; Mrs. T. J. Zollars, of Denver, Col.; and Rev. W. T. Robinson, who has recently returned after seventeen years of successful missionary work in South America. The funeral services were conducted in First Church, Ottumwa, by the pastor, Rev. F. E. Brush, assisted by Revs. I. P. Teter and J. T. Simmons, long-time friends and ministerial comrades of Brother Robinson.

E. H. WARING,
A. V. KENDRICK,
R. L. PATTERSON.

MEMORIAL FROM OSKALOOSA DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

WHEREAS, The claims of our Conference claimants being ministerial and not benevolent claims against the Churches, we, the Oskaloosa District Conference, respectfully memorialize the Iowa Annual Conference to so recognize these claims as ministerial claims against the several charges, and the stewards of the several charges be requested to provide for these claims as ministerial claims, and that they share *pro rata* with the bishop, presiding elder, and pastor.

W. A. LONGNECKER, Sec'y *pro tem.* W. G. WILSON, Ch'n.
A. V. KENDRICK, W. N. GROOME.
E. H. WARING,

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

WE recognize the Sabbath as a Divine institution. Its observance is laid upon us by the commandment of God. Obedience to it is not made contingent upon shifting circumstances. We are persuaded that this commandment is not grievous to one whose heart is right with God.

The injunction to keep the Sabbath is not the expression of an arbitrary will, but the ordinance of a wise and beneficent government. We believe that in the mind of God the day is designed to be, not only a day of rest for the body, but also a time of refreshing and a recruiting station for the soul. All men need this. Our Heavenly Father has herein provided a season in which his children may draw apart from worldly care, and commune with him without distraction.

We are enjoined to abstain from two things chiefly on this holy day:

First, we are to do no labor, works of mercy and necessity specially excepted. Business is wrongly adjusted when it encroaches upon this sacred day in matters great or small. The excuses offered for such encroachment seldom proceed from a truly loyal heart. The thought should be: This ground is not ours, and we are trespassers when we bring our personal enterprises upon it. Even Church business which is not a necessary adjunct to worship should be excluded.

Second, we are not to do our own pleasure. All manner of diversion—even social entertainments, which serve no higher purpose than personal gratification—is hurtful.

We are living in an age when men are generally restive under even wholesome restraint. We are not to drift with the tide, but strive to turn the current in the right direction. The Sabbath is subjected to all manner of assaults, open or insidious. We urge upon our ministers and people great diligence in inculcating true principles of Sabbath observance by preaching, by public and private instruction, and by example. Let every Methodist show to the world an example of cheerful sacrifice of personal convenience and interest, if need be, that the Sabbath be kept holy. We earnestly recommend to all of our people the close study of all ecclesiastical and civic movements for the promotion of Sabbath observance, in order that they may intelligently co-operate in these movements.

COMMITTEE.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

YOUR Committee on the State of the Church submit the following report:

We are glad to note the increase of the fraternal spirit which exists between the various branches of the Christian Church. Denominational preferences still properly exist, but unreasonable preferences are rapidly diminishing. We believe there never was a time when the cause of Christian education received more earnest consideration and more liberal contributions than at the present.

We rejoice also that the Church is beginning to take in the idea that its mission is the complete subjugation of the whole world to Jesus Christ, and that God designs to accomplish this through human instrumentalities; that Christianity is a missionary religion, and those who do not have this spirit do not possess the Spirit of Christ.

The mission and power of the Holy Spirit are receiving more attention than heretofore, which indicates that the Church has a higher conception of the necessity of the Divine enduement in order to succeed in her great work.

T. B. HUGHES, Chairman.

C. V. COWAN, Secretary.

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

"THE powers that be are ordained of God." Church and State were so co-ordinated at the birth of our nation that each has had the fullest

liberty without trespassing on the domain of the other. The Church supplies the moral sentiment fundamental to the enactment and enforcement of righteous laws, while the State determines the policies to be pursued in reaching the ends of civil government.

The present state of the country gives rise to mingled emotions in the heart of the Christian patriot. The indications of material prosperity are reassuring; the hopeful outlook is calling into activity abandoned industries, and giving employment to multitudes anxiously waiting for financial help; the spirit of jingoism is confined to a hopeless minority, and the broader statesmanship that counsels peace and seeks to secure it through courts of arbitration is controlling the helm of State.

On the other hand, the Christian patriot has much cause for alarm. The State winks at the greed of the great corporations by allowing them to profane the Sabbath and rob the wage-earner of his divine right—a day of rest; the State joins hands with the iniquitous rum-power by sharing in the profits of the business; and last, but not least, the State too often elevates to official position the unscrupulous politician. These great evils dishonor God, and menace our nation's happiness and perpetuity. From the fact that the religious impulse is stronger than the social, it follows that, in a republic like ours, the Church is largely responsible for the morals of the State. It therefore behooves the Church to arouse herself, not to take hold of the helm of State, but to so mold the minds and hearts of the masses in the homes and Churches that public sentiment will demand the enactment and enforcement of righteous laws, and the elevation to office of men who fear God and keep his commandments.

COMMITTEE.

TEMPERANCE.

YOUR Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Temperance, beg leave to report for your adoption as follows:

We are impressed with the fact that the time has fully come in the history of the temperance movement in this State for the most earnest and hearty work upon the part of all the friends of the cause, and the union of all the forces of the Church, and of all who love our Lord Jesus Christ and suffering humanity, in a holy crusade against the liquor-power, that has in recent years so signally shown its influence in our halls of legislation, has secured the virtual overthrow of prohibition in Iowa, and has succeeded in the enactment of the infamous Mulec Law, and the no less infamous Manufacturers' Bill, in our State. We affirm that the claim that prohibition did not prohibit in the State was false and misleading; and we assert that the evils of the present legislation will be more and more apparent in the demoralization of the people, in the increase of the costs of criminal procedures and pauperism, and in the ruin of unnumbered thousands of our young men in the use of intoxicating drinks offered to them under authority of law in the licensed saloons, as well as in the vile "holes in the wall," in drugstores, and elsewhere, winked at and permitted by the police of the State.

We offer for your consideration the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That we condemn the betrayal of the interests of the people by their senators and representatives, who used their votes for the passage of the Mulct Law, and the re-establishment in Iowa of the manufacture of intoxicating drinks.

Resolved, 2. That we call upon all our people to rise superior to parties, and urge them to vote for no man for public office who does not assert himself as in favor of the most vigorous legal measures for the suppression of the drink-traffic in the State.

Resolved, 3. That we again affirm our fixed conviction that any measures short of the prohibition of the traffic will be found inefficient and vain, and that it is our view that all the lovers of temperance should unite to labor for the re-enactment of our prohibitive laws, and the ultimate establishment in Iowa of constitutional prohibition.

Resolved, 4. That we call the attention of our people to the provisions of the Discipline against the signing of petitions for saloons, or doing anything in the furtherance of the unholy and nefarious traffic in alcoholic beverages.

Resolved, 5. That we approve most heartily of the movement to unite all the friends of the cause in Iowa, of all Churches and outside of the Churches, in a non-partisan anti-saloon movement; and therefore urge the establishment of local and county Anti-saloon Leagues in all the counties throughout the Conference.

Resolved, 6. That we congratulate the people of those counties of the State which have refused to allow the establishment of Mulct saloons within their borders, and urge them to steadfastness in their opposition to all future attempts that may be made to defeat prohibition in such counties.

Resolved, 7. That we solemnly pledge ourselves to active, zealous, and hearty effort, in every available form, in opposition to the reign of Rum, and in favor of the promotion of Temperance, Virtue, and Righteousness throughout the land.

Your Committee on Temperance would further report, recommending the appointment of two delegates, with two alternates, to attend the next National Anti-saloon Convention, to be held on the 11th, 12th, and 13th of January, 1898, at Columbus, O.

E. H. WARING,

M. J. PUSEY,

P. J. HENNESS,

C. S. COOPER,

I. B. SCHRECKENGAST.

TOBACCO.

YOUR Committee on Tobacco desire to submit the following report:

WHEREAS, It is our candid conviction that the use of tobacco in any form is injurious physically, mentally, financially, morally, and spiritually to all who indulge in it; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That, by teaching and example, we will in all possible

ways discourage its use among our people, especially among the young men and boys who are identified with our Epworth Leagues.

Resolved, 2. That we condemn the use of tobacco by our ministers, many of whom made a pledge of abstinence when admitted to the Conference.

Resolved, 3. That those among us who excuse themselves by saying that no such requirement was made of them when admitted to the Conference, be now required to abandon this habit, so unnecessary, unclean, and unchristian.

J. B. HILL, Chairman.

T. S. POOR, Secretary.

REPORT OF VISITORS.

YOUR Committee appointed to visit the Iowa Wesleyan University submit the following report:

We attended the meetings of the Board of Trustees, and the closing exercises of the college. We heartily commend the faithful and unselfish work of the President and every member of the Faculty. We are persuaded that the students, as a body, have faithfully earned the credit given them. A careful visitation of all the classes while in session, by one member of this Committee, assures us that instruction has been most carefully given by the professors of the departments; that the students have had a decided and praiseworthy interest in their studies, and that we can hope to find no more thorough work anywhere than our college furnishes. We note with pleasure the increased facilities for the breadth of curriculum and thoroughness of work furnished by the new mechanical, electrical, and industrial department; the accession of Howe's Academy; the new principalship of the preparatory department,—all of which will materially strengthen the college work.

It is with pleasure that we report the success of the ladies' dormitory and its completion in time for occupancy in September. This will be a feature in the future of the college difficult now to estimate in its beneficial results.

We earnestly and sincerely commend the College to the loyal support and active co-operation of every member of our Church and Conference.

W. P. STODDARD,
G. M. TUTTLE,
J. W. LAMBERT.

STEWARDS' REPORT.

QUESTION 1. *What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?*

ANSWER. Of the effective preachers, nothing; of superannuates and widows, \$6,500.

QUESTION 2. *What Sums have been Received on these Claims, and how have they been Distributed?*

ANSWER 1. Received from collections, \$1,813; from Chartered Fund, \$22; from the Book Concern, \$1,022; from Conference Fund, \$34; special bequest, \$20; Contingent Fund, \$9; total, \$2,920.

ANSWER 2. Distributed as follows :

TO SUPERANNUATES.

NAMES.	AMOUNT.	BY WHOM TAKEN.
J. B. Hill,	\$135	Thos. Osborn.
J. T. Coleman,	190	E. L. Schreiner.
R. B. Allender,	125	Himself.
Jesse Craig,	150	E. L. Schreiner.
J. B. Hardy,	170	Himself.
M. See,	135	Himself.
N. Wells,	150	Himself.
J. G. Thompson,	130	M. Bamford.
S. H. Thomas,	130	M. Bamford.
James Haynes,	70	E. L. Schreiner.
O. P. Light,	70	E. L. Schreiner.
H. C. Ethell,	60	Himself.
	<hr/> \$1,515	

TO WIDOWS.

Mrs. Coddington,	\$20	Dr. Stafford.
Mrs. Freeland,	190	E. L. Schreiner.
Mrs. Donaldson,	100	E. L. Schreiner.
Mrs. Reynolds,	25	E. L. Schreiner.
Mrs. Hare,	90	E. L. Schreiner.
Mrs. Wheeler,	140	Dr. C. L. Stafford.
Mrs. Allison,	95	E. L. Schreiner.
Mrs. Wayman,	10	Dr. C. L. Stafford.
Mrs. Stewart,	10	Dr. C. L. Stafford.
Mrs. McDonald,	130	E. L. Schreiner.
Mrs. Latham,	75	E. L. Schreiner.
Mrs. Kirkpatrick,	125	E. L. Schreiner.
Mrs. Hestwood,	80	J. W. Lambert.
Mrs. Haynes,	90	M. Bamford.
Mrs. Wilson,	50	E. C. Brooks.
Mrs. Robertson,	50	J. Hackley.
Mrs. Burgess,	100	R. L. Patterson.
	<hr/> \$1,380	

Contingent Fund, 25

Total, \$2,920

Respectfully submitted.

A. V. KENDRICK, Chairman.

E. L. SCHREINER, Secretary.

U. B. SMITH, Treasurer.

Your Committee to whom the memorial from the Oskaloosa District Conference, relative to our Conference claimants, was referred, would make the following report :

I. The support of our wornout ministers and those dependent upon them being a sacred obligation upon the Church, and not as a matter of benevolence, we deem it but just that their claim for support be on the same basis as that of bishops, presiding elders, and pastors—for service rendered; and would respectfully recommend that the Conference Board

of Stewards apportion to the several districts the amount deemed necessary to meet the claims upon the Conference for their support, and that the district stewards apportion the amounts to the charges, and that the stewards of the several charges apportion the same to the members severally, and provide for its payment in the same manner that other ministerial claims are raised.

2. We further recommend that you memorialize the ensuing General Conference to so amend Paragraph 293 of the Discipline by adding to the same the following: "And that said amount be a *pro rata* claim against the charge with those of bishops, presiding elder, and pastor.

Respectfully submitted.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.

WHEREAS, The collection for Conference claimants shows a decrease this year, and the number of claimants an increase, and there is an unjust disparity between the amounts raised by many charges for missions and this fund,—

Resolved, 1. That while too much is not raised for missions, the Conference claimants' collection should not be practically ignored; but a decided effort should be made on the part of the preachers to raise their full apportionment.

Resolved, 2. That the presiding elders be requested to bring this cause before the first Quarterly Conference, and urge the pastors and charges to give special attention to raising this popular collection.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

IN gratitude to Almighty God for the success that has crowned the labors of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,—

Resolved, That we commend the Des Moines Branch of this Society in being able to conduct its work without debt, and we especially congratulate them in their gift of four hundred dollars (\$400), received from one within the bounds of this Conference.

Resolved, That we encourage the organization of local societies within the bounds of each charge of the Conference.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

WHEREAS, The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church is one of the organized benevolent organizations of the Church, and has done and is now doing a great work in its Industrial Homes, Mission Schools, deaconess work, for the neglected classes in the great cities and in all parts of our own country, working in harmony with and supplementing the established benevolent work of the Church; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we recommend the organization of auxiliary societies in all our charges, and that we will gladly welcome its representatives to all our charges..

COMMITTEE.

IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

THE Secretary of your Board of Trustees of the Iowa Wesleyan University begs to present this, the Forty-third Annual Report of your Conference school :

The catalogue for 1897 shows a total enrollment in all departments of the college of 321—a decrease of 19.

Not having access to the Treasurer's report at the time of preparing this report, I am unable to give the items asked for at the last Conference session. Perhaps the Treasurer will supply the same. But there has been no material change in the finances of the school. The income, as usual, was some hundreds of dollars less than the expenses of the college year, and the general indebtedness is correspondingly increased.

To avoid the further repetition of this uncauny fact, the trustees, at their last meeting, increased the incidental fee of each student \$10 per year. Also, all reduction to preachers and their children was abolished, so that hereafter, when we patronize the institution, we will pay for ourselves and our children the same as other folks.

The Faculty and salaries remain practically the same as last year.

W. I. Babb, who has served as Treasurer of the Board for about twenty years, at the last meeting declined a re-election, and Rev. T. J. Myers was chosen to the place, and also recommended to be appointed College Agent at the present session of Conference.

The building for the Industrial Department is completed, and that school has been in operation a year. Its friends hope that it will accomplish much good in the way of manual training, and practical work in electricity, etc., and withal be quite an attraction for the college.

The Ladies' Dormitory and Boarding Hall, known as the "Elizabeth Hershey Hall," is complete and ready for occupancy at the opening of the ensuing year.

It is a sad duty to have to report the death of Rev. T. E. Corkhill, who has been connected with the school, as Trustee and otherwise, from its incipency. He fell on sleep soon after the last annual meeting of the Board, in June. He will long be missed as a faithful, hopeful, helpful friend of Christian education in general, and the Iowa Wesleyan University in particular.

What has long been known as the Howe Academy, a school about as old as the college, and located at the same town, was, by action of the Board of Trustees, at last meeting, incorporated with the University, but yet is to continue its distinct work and its peculiar methods. But all its work and income are under the supervision of the Board. It is thought this union will materially increase the patronage and influence of the Iowa Wesleyan University throughout its patronizing territory, as the old Academy has all along commanded a large normal and academic patronage.

Mr. Howe, the proprietor and Principal of the Academy, is to receive a salary of \$1,500 a year for ten years.

The terms of the following Trustees expire with this date, viz.: D. C. Smith, Jas. Harlan, W. I. Babb, E. L. Schreiner, J. E. Corley, and Mrs. L. W. Byrkit; also, as noted above, by death, T. E. Corkhill.

Respectfully submitted.

J. E. CORLEY, Secretary.

PUBLISHING AGENT'S REPORT.

EXPENDITURES.

Publishing 2,000 copies of Minutes,	\$165 00
Distributing to preachers and collecting,	45 00
For cuts, personal expenses, and postage,	17 00
Total,	\$227 00

RECEIPTS.

From sale of 1,900 copies of Minutes,	\$190 00
" " 90 " " 	10 00
" advertisements,	27 00
Total,	\$227 00

C. W. SHEPHERD, Publishing Agent.

REPORT OF AGENT OF THE PERMANENT FUND.

Secured on subscription,	\$445 00
Bequest of Mrs. Esther A. Rose,	500 00
Total,	\$945 00
Collected by the agent from subscription,	\$273 00
" " " the bequest,	104 00
Total cash collected,	\$377 00
Paid to George Haw, Treasurer,	\$236 00
Agent's per cent and expenses,	141 00
	\$377 00
Previously in the Permanent Fund,	\$403 35
Collected and paid in by the Agent,	236 00
In notes, mostly secured by mortgage, drawing 8 per cent interest,	350 00
Total invested in the Fund,	\$989 35
Unpaid on the bequest,	\$56 00
" " subscription,	172 00
Total,	\$228 00

C. W. SHEPHERD, Agent.

STATEMENT OF EXPENSES OF SECRETARY OF CONFERENCE.

Printing of blanks for Conference Roll,	\$2 00
Envelopes and printing of Return Card,	1 50
Postage for sending blanks to pastors,	1 50
Drayage on Conference trunk,	75
Supplies, papers, ink, etc., at Conference,	2 50
Total,	\$8 25

C. L. STAFFORD, Secretary.

LECTURES OF DR. GEORGE K. MORRIS.

THE members of the Iowa Conference desire to express their appreciation of the generous aid supplied by Bishop John P. Newman, which has enabled them to profit richly by the excellent addresses of Dr. George K. Morris, of the Boston University School of Theology, in the interests of the highest pulpit and pastoral efficiency. His lectures are worthy of the highest commendation for their comprehensive and definite exposition of sacred oratory, both as a science and as an art; for their rare felicity of expression; for the grace of manner in which they were presented; for their eloquence of utterance; above all, for the constant emphasis placed upon the necessity of the Divine endowment of power as the highest and best equipment for ministerial service.

R. F. HURLBURT,
W. J. SPAULDING,
W. H. HEPPE.

ACTION OF THE IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPON
INVITING THE NEXT GENERAL CONFERENCE
TO KANSAS CITY.

WHEREAS, The Methodist Episcopal Preachers' Meeting of Kansas City and vicinity, representing our Churches of the two Kansas Cities, and those of the adjoining districts within the bounds of the St. Louis, Kansas, West German, Central Missouri, and Swedish Conferences, has invited the next General Conference to hold its session in Kansas City, the Official Boards of all our Churches, numbering twenty, in the two cities named, the Commercial Club and the Board of Trade concurring; and

WHEREAS, The acceptability, accommodations, auditorium, and hospitality of said locality are well known, assuring ample provision for the requirements of such gathering; and

WHEREAS, We believe that great benefit would accrue, especially to the work of our Church in the States of Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas, and Arkansas, together representing one of the most promising fields for missionary and Church extension enterprise in all Methodism; and

WHEREAS, Said invitation received favorable consideration by the committee of the last General Conference, and is now in the hands of the General Book Committee, having full charge of the matter; therefore,

Resolved, That the Iowa Annual Conference, now assembled, favor such invitation, and hereby request our representative on the General Book Committee to make known this action at the proper time.

C. L. STAFFORD, Secretary.

MEMORIAL OF IOWA STATE EPWORTH LEAGUE
ASSEMBLY COMMISSION TO THE IOWA
CONFERENCES.

WE, the Commissioners appointed at the late Convention of the Iowa State Epworth League, held at Cedar Rapids, being authorized to receive

propositions from the several Iowa resorts, and permanently locate the "Iowa State Epworth League Assembly and Training-school," have performed the duties of our office, and are pleased to report that we have succeeded in locating the Assembly at Colfax. In consideration of such location, the city of Colfax has made us a clear donation of the most beautiful park in the West, consisting of twenty-five acres of woodland, upon which they also, aided by the Rock Island Railroad, have built and donated one of the most commodious and substantial auditoriums to be found anywhere, all of which is given without any cost to us; and adding to the value of this splendid donation is one of the celebrated Colfax Mineral Springs running upon the grounds, a Rock Island depot near the edge of the park, and many other conveniences, including the great "Hotel Colfax," within three blocks' distance from the auditorium, which, with the central location, make the gift a valuable one. All this property is given to the Methodist Episcopal Church of Iowa, for the benefit of the Epworth League of the State.

We, the Commissioners, in order to accept and hold this property, found it necessary to form ourselves into a corporation, and have therefore incorporated under the name of the "Iowa State Epworth League Assembly." Our articles of incorporation provide that there shall be a commission, consisting of the three Commissioners now in office under the Iowa State Epworth League, and two additional to be elected by the coming session of the Iowa State Epworth League Convention, and one to be elected by each of the four Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Iowa. These nine thus elected shall constitute a Commission, whose duty it shall be to more fully complete the organization of the "Iowa State Epworth League Assembly." We therefore pray that your Annual Conference, now in session, shall elect one such Commissioner to meet with said body, to complete the aforesaid organization, as per subsequent notice which shall be given such Commissioner thus elected, by the Chairman or Secretary of the Commission.

J. W. MAHOOD,
CHAS. J. ENGLISH,
F. E. DAV,

By CHAS. J. ENGLISH, Secretary.

Commissioners.

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

COLLECTIONS.	TOTAL	VOUCHERS	CASH	TO WHOM PAID.
Missions,	\$12,741	\$2,481	\$10,260	Curts & Jennings.
Episcopal Fund,	1,282	112	1,170	" "
Freedmen's Aid, etc.,	1,156	276	880	" "
Sunday-school Union,	209	29	180	" "
Tract Society,	197	19	178	" "
Church Extension,	1,345	40	1,305	James Long.
Children's Fund,	503	312	191	C. H. Payne.
Iowa Wesleyan University,	1,688	965	723	T. J. Myers.
Woman's Foreign Miss'y Society,	3,933	3,903	30	Mrs. L. W. Byrkit.
Woman's Home Miss'y Society,	1,360	1,340	20	Mrs. W. F. Cowles.
American Bible Society,	221	90	131	R. W. Hughes.
Conference Claimants,	1,820	7	1,813	U. B. Smith.
Wesley Hospital,	5	.....	5	Wesley Hospital.
	\$26,460	\$9,574	\$16,886	
Book Concern Dividend,	1,022	.....	1,022	U. B. Smith.
Special for Missions,	198	198	.....	Treas. Miss. Soc.
Total,	\$27,680	\$9,772	\$17,908	

C. W. SHEPHERD, Treasurer.

AMOUNTS APPORTIONED.

AMOUNTS apportioned to be raised by the Iowa Conference:

Freedmen's Aid, etc., \$2,600
 Episcopal Fund, 1,400
 Conference Claimants, 15 cents per member.

STATISTICS Nos. I AND IV.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

Number	NAMES OF CHARGES.		BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																								
			EDUCATION			MISSIONS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.			EDUCATION			MISSIONS.												
			(a) Public	(b) Child'n's Fund	(c) Ed'l Col	(a) Church	(b) Sunday-school	Total	Board of Church Extension	Prest Indebtness on Ch Property	P'd on Old Indebt- edness Ch Prop.	P'd for Building & Improv'g Chur's & Parsonages	Probable Value...	No. of Parsonages	No. of Churches...	No. of Scholars...	No. of Officers and Teachers...	No. of Schools...	No. of Adults Baptized...	No. of Children Baptized...	No. of Deaths...	No. of Local Preachers...	No. of Full Members...	No. of Probationers...			
1	Ainsworth																										
2	Burlington: 1st C'h...																										
3	Grace																										
4	West																										
5	Circuit																										
6	Columbus City																										
7	Columbus Junction																										
8	Crawfordsville																										
9	Danville																										
10	Ft. Madison																										
11	Santa Fe Avenue																										
12	Hillsboro																										
13	Kossuth																										
14	Mediapolis																										
15	Morning Sun																										
16	Mt. Pleasant: 1st C'h.																										
17	Circuit																										
18	West Circuit																										
19	Mt. Union																										
20	New London																										
21	Salem																										
22	Sperry																										
23	Wapello																										
24	Wayland																										
25	West Point																										
26	Winfield																										
	Total																										
	216	5037	17	57	95	179	61	745	4816	64	223300	22	33085	9898	7712	18068	1802	763	2565	203	41	36	747	338	197	396	262

KEOKUK DISTRICT.

1 Batavia	8	242	2	...	17	3	28	200	3	2300	1	600	700	...	...	60	45	105	5	2	2	5	10	...	2	...	...	17	8
2 Bentonsport	10	263	...	1	17	4	24	250	3	3000	1	500	225	...	...	72	13	85	5	1	1	5	20	...	1	...	...	6	12
3 Birmingham	2	180	...	1	8	3	38	210	3	3700	1	500	8	12	36	88	12	100	4	1	1	6	20	...	1	22	...	50	17		
4 Bloomfield	17	478	3	6	5	11	1	20	200	1	5000	1	2000	75	220	71	300	22	5	5	20	35	15	7	200	...	10	35	
5 Cantril	9	350	1	4	...	3	4	48	300	3	4300	1	600	700	25	50	89	21	110	1	2	4	10	4	...	14	...	4	3		
6 Centerville	7	415	2	3	2	5	1	22	175	1	4000	1	4000	100	250	50	300	30	5	5	30	50	3	12	87	5	30	16	
7 Cincinnati .....	...	300	1	5	...	1	5	50	350	5	6000	1	1000	100	25	25	40	45	85	2	1	1	2	5	10	1	...	6	10	
8 Drakeville	4	295	...	3	2	2	3	20	100	3	3200	1	500	10	24	...	24	2	...	1	1	5	5	1	1	1	...	1	
9 Eldon	11	155	...	2	...	1	21	100	1	1000	...	...	45	...	...	57	3	60	4	1	1	5	5	...	1	...	...	10	6
10 Exline .....	...	118	1	...	3	2	15	65	3	2000	...	...	7	3	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
11 Fairfield	15	505	3	3	10	33	1	42	576	1	12000	1	1000	...	...	100	200	300	10	3	2	11	20	6	2	109	...	20	16
12 Farmington	5	152	...	2	4	25	4	41	208	4	3800	1	1000	50	...	40	10	5	15	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	5	10
13 Keokuk: Chatham Sq	20	239	...	4	4	10	1	28	247	1	5000	1	7000	155	400	600	88	37	125	10	10	25	6	...	65	4	25	15	
14 First Church	28	300	2	7	20	3	2	42	425	3	14500	1	2000	40	250	750	60	30	90	2	1	1	2	10	3	4	...	5	10		
15 Keosauqua	210	...	2	1	1	1	16	150	1	2000	1	2000	14	40	25	65	6	1	1	6	18	3	1	41	...	14	10	
16 Keosauqua Circuit	2	296	1	2	1	7	5	54	255	4	2700	...	...	74	26	100	10	2	1	10	10	6	1	...	...	...	17	9	
17 Libertyville	10	183	...	1	2	2	2	20	145	2	1800	1	800	60	...	67	3	70	8	2	2	3	11	3	2	21	1	...	12	6	
18 Milton	3	410	1	3	1	41	2	33	200	2	3250	1	1000	500	...	77	23	100	15	4	4	15	21	3	4	39	...	22	12		
19 Montrose	11	148	1	3	9	25	4	50	265	3	4000	1	700	40	100	...	6	19	25	5	2	2	5	5	...	2	...	7	5		
20 Moulton	28	170	1	5	1	9	1	13	90	1	2500	1	1500	182	412	75	28	27	55	2	1	1	5	27	5	1	2	9	8		
21 Mount Zion	3	115	...	2	...	1	4	40	140	5	4500	1	400	300	...	100	42	8	50	2	1	1	3	11	...	1	...	6	7		
22 Mystic	325	1	3	2	9	3	40	375	4	3200	1	800	5	...	100	40	40	1	...	2	9	6	7	
23 Pulaski	278	3	...	4	3	26	225	3	3800	1	700	75	...	40	40	20	60	6	1	1	4	5	4	1	2	2	...	14	10	
24 Salina	15	120	...	2	2	2	4	35	183	4	3000	1	600	35	28	12	40	2	1	1	3	12	2	1	1	1	4	8	
25 Selma	1	258	...	1	...	2	4	25	200	4	3000	1	600	76	55	131	12	4	2	12	10	11	2	10	2	...	17	12	
26 Troy	11	230	...	3	2	4	37	210	4	3000	1	600	287	...	80	92	10	102	6	1	1	8	20	6	1	6	1	13	7		
27 West Grove	3	212	...	1	...	15	4	36	160	4	3800	1	900	45	190	105	...	105	3	1	1	10	10	12	1	...	5	9			
Total	223	7097	18	65	56	275	77	864	6004	76	110350	24	31300	3646	1329	2086	1889	763	2652	170	43	37	186	377	108	49	620	17	86	319	251

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

1 Amish	5	158	1	...	6	4	35	160	4	1950	1	400	184	...	...	27	23	50	8	1	2	5	12	5	2	2	2	5	10	6
2 Blue Grass	38	130	...	1	8	19	4	46	211	3	4550	1	350	66	20	86	13	3	3	18	7	4	3	2	2	7	1	...	10	5
3 Kalona	10	224	1	6	8	24	4	45	200	4	3800	1	1200	...	...	73	12	85	2	1	1	2	5	2	2	2	54	...	20	11
4 Keota	8	166	...	2	2	10	2	31	142	2	2800	1	1000	...	238	107	23	130	19	3	3	19	24	2	2	2	2	...	13	7		
5 Koszta	12	128	...	4	3	2	22	85	3	2400	1	900	10	...	...	12	...	12	1	...	2	2	2	2	2	2	...	1	5	
6 Ladora	5	125	...	2	5	2	2	22	100	2	2800	1	800	12	...	80	15	95	8	1	1	10	8	2	2	2	20	...	35	10		
7 Letts	21	278	1	5	12	38	2	40	200	2	5500	1	1200	50	...	200	137	3	140	18	1	1	18	18	2	1	...	20	11			
8 Lexington	3	142	...	12	2	2	30	130	2	3200	1	650	100	...	...	30	60	90	2	...	3	5	9	4	1	...	68	...	4	9
9 Lone Tree .....	...	227	3	7	7	3	17	230	3	6000	1	1000	15	938	1200	21	29	50	4	1	1	5	9	4	1	...	20	11	5	12	
10 Marengo	36	145	...	4	1	18	200	1	9000	1	1500	82	...	10	20	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	...	20	11	5	12		
11 Millersburg .....	...	93	...	4	2	18	75	2	2200	1	900	125	9	...	13	6	19	3	1	1	4	2	2	1	...	2	4	2	4		

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.—CONTINUED.

Number	Names of Charges.										Benevolent Collections.									
	Church Membership.					Sunday-Schools.					Church Property.					Education.				
	Conf. Claimants.		Total Other Benevolent Collec's.		Woman's Home Missionary Soc.		American Bible Soc.		(b) Child's Fund.		Woman's Foreign Missionary Soc.		Freed'n's Aid and South'n Ed. Soc.		Tract Society.		S. S. Union.		Board of Church Extension.	
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Muscatine: 1st C'h ..																				
Park Avenue																				
Circuit																				
Nichols																				
North English																				
Oxford																				
Riverside																				
Sweetland																				
Tiffin																				
Victor																				
Washington																				
Webster																				
West Chester																				
Wellman																				
West Liberty																				
Williamsburg																				
Wilton																				
Total	292	5890	10	63	174	238	62	802	5380	62	165600	26	34500	11200	1864	2000	801	2909	2108	Episcopal Fund...

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

1 Barnes City.....	10	203	1	3	1	11	3	17	170	3	5400	...	.....	62	180	557	23	3	26	1	...	1	6	2	...	3	3
2 Beacon.....	27	199	2	1	5	11	2	27	200	2	3600	135	...	110	52	18	70	8	2	2	6	14	2	...	13	7	
3 Brooklyn.....	...	337	...	1	2	2	1	17	250	1	10000	1	2000	75	...	133	31	164	13	4	4	15	20	5	5	71	49		
4 Deep River.....	...	200	...	1	4	22	2	22	160	1	2000	1	1200	50	...	450	35	5	40	2	1	2	17	2	1	2	1	27	17
5 Delta.....	6	215	...	5	...	2	3	30	150	3	3100	46	10	5	15	2	1	1	2	3	2	...	3	4	
6 Ewart.....	5	127	...	1	1	10	2	17	101	3	2800	1	800	35	40	24	13	37	5	1	1	5	15	2	...	24	8		
7 Grinnell.....	10	400	2	1	13	21	1	27	325	1	27000	1	3000	2738	11000	200	50	250	30	2	2	51	31	4	10	117	73		

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.—CONTINUED.

8 Kellogg	5	125	1	1	4	...	4	39	188	4	4250	1	300	100	30	25	49	10	50	3	...	3	7	4	...	47	...	10	8		
9 Lacey .....	...	160	1	1	4	...	2	24	100	3	2500	1	1000	900	15	250	27	4	31	4	...	4	10	2	...	...	10	6	
10 Lynnville	5	184	1	3	3	5	3	34	210	3	3400	1	800	780	50	3	53	3	1	1	4	16	2	1	...	13	7	6	
11 Malcom	2	184	1	1	2	2	20	160	2	5000	1	1600	...	35	...	37	18	55	4	1	1	5	14	1	1	12	...	11	6		
12 Montezuma	7	333	3	4	1	1	1	29	250	1	4500	1	600	...	150	...	99	52	151	12	26	12	...	60	37	20	35	18	
13 Newton	15	560	9	7	4	1	38	450	1	10000	...	...	1400	1400	600	180	45	225	10	2	2	15	15	5	2	81	...	35	20
14 Newton Circuit	10	254	4	2	3	4	52	380	4	5000	107	32	139	12	3	3	21	27	25	2	9	...	21	21	11	
15 New Sharon	15	267	4	4	5	1	17	203	1	3000	1	1000	40	...	150	229	31	260	25	4	4	23	30	5	...	59	...	21	14		
16 Oskaloosa	21	657	3	7	17	39	1	38	419	2	50000	1	1800	13500	7400	15000	195	105	300	10	5	5	15	45	10	...	53	...	50	26	
17 Oskaloosa Circuit	3	98	1	1	3	2	2	30	190	2	1400	...	4000	...	...	13	4	17	...	...	1	6	...	...	...	...	3	4	
18 Pella	2	90	5	1	1	1	1	22	125	1	1800	1	800	45	40	30	50	10	60	5	1	1	5	14	...	15	...	10	6		
19 Reasnor	61	194	1	2	6	4	36	221	4	2200	1	650	55	63	36	40	76	3	1	1	3	12	5	1	...	7	5				
20 Rose Hill	15	155	3	3	3	1	10	50	2	2000	1	600	25	...	14	8	22	...	...	3	15	...	...	...	...	3	6		
21 Sonora	228	...	2	2	9	3	38	250	3	6000	1	1500	75	...	100	13	113	1	...	7	15	5	...	12	...	10	11				
22 Taintor	8	180	3	3	6	60	430	5	4600	1	400	1035	...	300	27	...	27	3	...	3	8	...	...	...	...	5	6		
23 Thornburg	16	244	1	2	3	4	3	34	280	3	5300	1	1000	2215	25	...	62	38	100	10	2	2	10	21	10	1	...	35	12	8	
24 What Cheer	20	195	3	...	4	1	20	230	1	3000	1	1000	60	60	500	17	38	55	5	1	1	11	10	1	...	15	...	10	6		
Total	263	5789	20	62	77	163	54	698	5492	56	167850	18	20050	24633	12113	20035	1760	576	2336	159	32	32	228	397	106	24	582	159	89	358	231

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.

1 Agency	3	265	1	5	3	2	43	270	2	3700	1	1300	184	212	46	102	38	140	8	1	1	11	19	4	...	21	...	33	15	12	
2 Albia	10	340	2	4	23	2	23	225	1	13000	1	1500	100	71	86	157	5	2	1	5	20	2	...	44	75	...	30	17	
3 Attica	7	270	1	4	1	10	4	46	220	5	3700	1	800	1109	...	...	105	5	110	2	1	1	2	7	4	1	...	20	10
4 Blakesburg	7	108	...	...	...	...	4	24	200	4	3000	...	65	...	75	25	25	1	1	1	1	2	2	...	...	...	3	5	
5 Brighton	1	173	3	3	6	1	20	140	1	5000	1	300	...	...	...	40	20	60	12	4	4	10	14	2	...	...	...	12	7
6 Cedar	3	178	...	...	...	...	2	24	150	2	2000	1	1200	...	...	275	52	52	2	1	1	2	5	...	...	...	7	7	
7 Chillicothe	1	175	1	2	...	4	30	200	4	3500	1	600	...	175	90	25	25	25	1	1	1	1	5	...	...	...	10	9	
8 Durham	25	108	1	1	7	5	3	33	129	3	3100	1	500	...	15	...	19	1	20	3	1	1	4	3	5	1	...	8	6		
9 Eddyville	2	172	1	3	5	4	3	30	193	3	4000	...	...	1020	...	...	15	10	25	2	1	1	2	3	2	...	...	14	6
10 Fremont	10	163	4	3	12	2	22	100	2	4500	1	1300	110	100	60	20	80	14	4	4	10	14	2	2	17	4	11	15	8
11 Hedrick .....	...	162	3	3	6	2	22	137	2	4500	1	1000	12	...	810	40	20	60	3	1	3	3	2	2	...	23	...	12	10	
12 Kirkville	8	290	8	10	26	2	41	253	2	7000	1	1100	300	...	...	69	22	91	4	...	6	8	6	...	17	...	34	11	12
13 Knoxville	13	487	2	8	4	22	1	35	381	1	22000	1	2000	173	77	250	33	7	7	33	30	11	7	82	107	75	35	20	
14 Lovilia	10	266	1	4	1	14	5	65	250	5	6000	1	500	120	...	15	91	10	101	5	1	1	5	10	1	...	14	...	20	10	
15 Martinsburg	17	197	1	1	19	1	13	75	3	3700	1	600	50	...	...	40	...	40	400	...	100	17	...	400	...	...	15	8	
16 Marysville	12	226	1	2	5	50	204	4	4300	1	300	...	...	71	84	16	100	5	1	6	5	3	1	15	...	11	8		
17 Melrose	7	137	6	3	3	2	15	140	2	2400	...	25	...	...	42	2	44	1	...	1	9	3	...	...	...	...	11	7	
18 Moravia	2	223	1	4	2	3	4	57	310	4	7800	1	800	819	...	231	55	15	70	3	4	1	10	3	1	17	...	10	7		
19 Ottumwa: 1st Church	12	626	2	8	1	1	29	310	1	33000	1	6000	594	...	3000	320	80	400	25	5	5	20	45	13	8	125	183	330	47	26	
20 Main Street	1	140	1	1	1	1	16	125	1	8000	...	85	...	...	18	12	30	2	1	2	2	2	5	40	...	2	7		
21 Willard Street	5	215	...	2	4	1	15	135	1	2500	1	1200	123	...	200	30	10	40	1	...	1	6	6	...	...	7	9		

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.—CONTINUED.

Number	Names of Charges.	Benevolent Collections.											
		Conf. Claimants...	Episcopal Fund ...	Total Other Be-nevolent Collec's	Woman's Foreign Missionary Soc...	Woman's Home Missionary Soc...	American Bible Society	(b) Children's Fund	(a) Public Ed'1 Col	Freed'n's Aid and South'n Ed. Soc.	Tract Society	S. S. Union.....	Board of Church Extension
22	Packwood	16	\$4	\$12	\$7	\$11	\$1	\$2	\$13	\$26	249	28	359
23	Pleasant Plain	3	7	10	40	53	39	3	4	30	41	1	262
24	Richland	3	5	10	4	7	7	3	2	7	2	7	7
25	Sigourney	3	3	7	1	7	1	2	1	2	41	40	262
26	Tracy	6	6	7	2	2	1	2	2	1	6	550	262
27	Unionville	6	6	7	1	7	1	2	1	2	4	1	262
Total		213	6343	82	13	82	5308	1767	2279	512			

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

1	Burlington	216	5637	17	57	95	179	61	745	4816	64	223300	22	33085	9898	7712	18068	1802	763	2565	203	41	36	225	337	105	36	747	338	197	396	262
2	Keokuk	223	7097	18	65	56	275	77	864	6004	76	110350	24	31300	3646	1329	2086	1889	763	2052	170	43	37	186	377	108	49	620	17	86	319	251
3	Muscatine	292	5890	10	63	174	238	62	802	5380	62	165600	26	34500	11200	1864	2900	2108	801	2909	263	52	52	268	312	101	84	1051	458	368	388	276
4	Oskaloosa	263	5789	20	62	77	163	54	698	5492	56	167850	18	20050	24633	12113	29035	1760	576	2336	159	32	32	228	397	106	24	582	159	89	358	231
5	Ottumwa	213	6343	13	82	59	251	70	845	5300	72	165500	21	25200	4920	932	5308	1767	512	2279	550	41	40	249	265	83	28	933	388	523	359	262
	Total this year..	1207	30756	78	329	461	1106	324	3054	26902	330	832600	111	144135	54297	23950	57397	9326	3415	12741	1345	209	197	1156	1688	503	221	3933	1360	1263	1820	1282
	Total last year..	1691	30286	87	354	438	1374	329	3091	25500	328	800000	111	141925	41061	8261	37473	9590	3396	12986	947	231	216	933	1238	652	217	3439	1609	.....	1800	1271
	Increase		470	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	1483	2	32600	...	2210	13236	15689	19924	.....	19	.....	398	...	...	223	450	.....	4	474	.....	20	11		
	Decrease		484	.....	9	25	.....	268	5	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	264	.....	245	.....	22	19	.....	149	.....	249	.....	.....	.....	.....

STATISTICS No. III.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

Number.....	NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPP'T OF PRESIDI'G ELDERS.		SUPPORT OF BISHOPS		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.		CURRENT EXPENSES.	
			CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Amount Paid.....	Amount Appor- tioned.....	Amount Paid.....	Amount Appor- tioned.....	Total.....	Other Sources	Total.....	Rec'd fr'm
			House	Rent....	Salary.....	Total.....	House	Rent....	Salary.....	Deficiencies.....	Total.....	House	Rent....	Salary.....	Church: Light, Fuel, etc.	Sunday-school: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.....
1	Ainsworth	J. M. Coates.....	\$650	\$120	\$770	\$575	\$120	\$695	\$58	\$75	\$58	\$10	\$9	\$762	\$78	\$35
2	Burlington: First Church	H. F. Hurlburt	2000	500	2500	2000	500	2500	243	243	243	37	37	2780	1325	228
3	Grace Church.....	G. B. Swartz.....	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400	65	65	65	14	14	1479	68	174
4	West Church.....	Paul H. McBeth.....	300	.....	300	300	.....	300	18	18	18	4	4	322	55	21
5	Circuit	E. S. Daly	500	150	650	480	150	630	20	56	53	9	9	691	30	40
6	Columbus City	J. W. Carson.....	500	60	560	500	60	560	.....	30	30	6	6	596	11	30
7	Columbus Junction.....	B. M. Boydston.....	580	120	700	605	120	725	.....	53	53	11	11	786	11	36
8	Crawfordsville.....	W. L. Clapp.....	600	.....	600	560	.....	560	40	33	33	10	10	605	10	45
9	Danville	George Filmer.....	700	100	800	670	100	770	30	63	63	8	8	841	18	40
10	Ft. Madison: First Ch.	J. C. Willits.....	860	140	1000	860	140	1000	.....	60	60	11	11	1071	20	60
11	Sante Fe Avenue	A. E. Buriff.....	700	.....	700	700	.....	700	28	28	28	5	5	733	11	80
12	Hillsboro	H. T. Robinson.....	510	.....	510	473	.....	473	37	30	27	5	5	505	11	70
13	Kossuth.....	G. W. Barber	600	50	650	543	50	593	57	38	35	6	6	634	5	38
14	Mediapolis.....	M. J. Pusey.....	700	150	850	700	150	850	.....	69	69	12	12	931	15	60
15	Morning Sun.....	A. S. Loveall.....	800	125	925	731	125	856	69	62	57	11	10	923	15	50
16	Mt. Pleasant: First Ch ..	W. P. Stoddard.....	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400	.....	178	178	30	30	1608	60	100
17	Circuit.....	C. V. Powelson.....	800	150	950	782	150	882	68	75	75	15	15	972	20	20
18	West Circuit.....	Samuel Thero.....	318	.....	318	311	.....	311	7	14	13	3	2	326	21	38
19	Mt. Union.....	G. F. Cannon.....	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	58	58	12	12	870	3	70
20	New London.....	S. F. Bishop.....	550	100	650	550	100	650	.....	50	50	5	5	705	5	22
21	Salem.....	P. C. Hogle.....	600	100	700	356	100	456	244	46	36	8	4	496	7	40
22	Sperry.....	C. W. Evans.....	225	21	246	198	21	219	27	38	37	7	7	263	9	55
23	Wapello.....	T. S. Pool.....	800	150	950	679	150	829	121	62	52	11	9	890	8	60
24	Wayland.....	Geo. Schlenker.....	700	100	800	675	100	775	25	58	58	9	9	842	10	90
25	West Point.....	A. M. Mahaffie.....	542	75	617	542	75	617	.....	58	58	9	9	684	7	67
26	Winfield.....	W. N. Hall.....	800	125	925	800	125	925	.....	59	59	10	10	994	5	50
Total.....			18435	2836	21271	17640	2836	20476	820	1607	1571	272	262	22309	396	1749

KEOKUK DISTRICT.

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

1 Amish.....	Alex. Telfer.....	556	50	606	556	50	606	.....	44	44	6	6	656	10	10	40	33
2 Blue Grass.....	W. W. Williams.....	510	40	550	460	40	500	50	44	44	5	5	549	10	10	112	98
3 Kalona.....	W. C. VanSchoiack.....	610	90	700	610	90	700	.....	50	50	11	11	757	13	13	150	110
4 Keota.....	W. C. Chew.....	750	100	850	750	100	850	.....	50	50	5	5	911	20	20	135	70
5 Koszta.....	D. S. Dunlavy.....	500	50	550	500	50	550	.....	44	44	5	5	599	1	1	200	50
6 Ladora.....	W. N. Potter.....	650	100	750	630	100	730	20	50	48	11	10	788	5	30	35	.....
7 Letts.....	D. C. Bevan.....	800	125	925	850	125	975	.....	65	65	11	11	1051	20	20	115	75
8 Lexington.....	A. M. Smith.....	650	75	725	650	75	725	.....	50	50	9	9	784	4	4	100	.....
9 Lone Tree.....	A. B. Hightshoe.....	700	100	800	622	100	722	78	50	48	8	8	778	10	10	65	42
10 Marengo.....	W. R. Stryker.....	850	150	1000	850	150	1000	.....	70	70	12	12	1082	5	5	253	85
11 Millersburg.....	Thos. Biggar.....	300	36	336	208	36	244	92	25	25	4	4	273	2	2	40	32
12 Muscatine: First Church.	J. W. Hackley.....	1250	250	1500	1250	250	1500	.....	160	160	32	32	1692	40	40	700	260
13 Park Avenue.....	Jno. Britts.....	300	78	378	316	78	394	.....	20	20	5	5	419	5	5	71	50
14 Circuit.....	J. C. Kendrick.....	650	200	850	600	200	800	50	60	60	13	13	873	10	10	175	120
15 Nitchols.....	H. R. Osborne.....	545	72	617	527	72	599	18	36	36	6	6	641	7	7	70	65
16 North English.....	J. R. Payne.....	700	100	800	650	100	750	50	44	41	13	12	803	6	6	70	50
17 Oxford.....	John Hanks.....	650	.....	650	650	.....	650	.....	40	40	5	5	605	10	10	62	50
18 Riverside.....	H. N. Smith.....	800	100	900	625	100	725	175	65	50	9	7	782	5	5	182	130
19 Sweetland.....	J. M. McClelland.....	650	70	720	650	70	720	.....	55	55	10	10	785	24	24	75	90
20 Tiffin.....	W. C. Barclay.....	505	60	565	505	60	565	.....	44	44	6	6	615	10	10	55	40
21 Victor.....	C. H. Montgomery.....	650	100	750	650	100	750	.....	50	50	9	9	809	10	10	130	.....
22 Washington.....	W. G. Thorn.....	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400	.....	125	125	25	25	1550	50	50	479	291
23 Webster.....	W. H. Jones.....	650	75	725	630	75	705	20	60	60	10	10	775	10	10	200	100
24 West Chester.....	W. F. Hughes.....	650	60	710	.....	60	60	650	40	34	6	94	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
25 Wellman.....	J. E. Newsome.....	800	125	925	800	125	925	.....	65	65	13	13	1003	6	6	150	44
26 West Liberty.....	L. B. Schreckengast.....	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	.....	75	75	13	13	1288	25	25	125	55
27 Williamsburg.....	H. F. Pugh.....	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	44	44	9	9	1003	10	10	75	.....
28 Wilton.....	J. F. Barnett.....	800	120	920	800	120	920	.....	50	50	13	13	983	30	30	227	22
Total.....		19476	2876	22352	18339	2876	21215	1203	1575	1547	287	276	23038	358	30	388	4146
																	1902

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

1 Barnes City.....	Chas. E. Coggeshall.....	560	.....	560	400	.....	400	160	40	85	5	3	438	3	3	67	28
2 Beacon.....	G. H. Hanawalt.....	550	.....	550	543	.....	543	7	45	45	7	7	505	13	13	82	50
3 Brooklyn.....	A. V. Kendrick.....	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150	.....	95	95	17	17	1202	27	27	300	104
4 Deep River.....	D. Phillips.....	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	50	50	8	8	858	10	10	75	40
5 Delta.....	G. W. Byrkit.....	500	66	566	320	66	386	180	50	35	5	4	425	3	3	80	35
6 Ewart.....	D. F. Stiles.....	500	60	560	442	60	502	58	55	48	6	5	555	7	7	75	45
7 Grinnell.....	J. E. Corley.....	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	.....	105	105	20	20	1625	35	35	400	83
8 Kellogg.....	Isaac Borts.....	700	60	760	600	60	660	100	70	60	10	8	728	10	10	90	58
9 Lacey.....	H. E. Colby.....	675	100	775	455	100	555	220	60	37	9	6	598	10	10	60	21
10 Lynnville.....	Richard Collier.....	540	60	600	415	60	475	125	50	44	8	6	525	7	7	88	55

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.—CONTINUED.

Number.....	NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPP'T OF PRESIDI'G ELDERS.	SUPPORT OF BISHOPS	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.		CURRENT EXPENSES		
			CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.					Rec'd fr'm	Other Sources			
			Total.....	House Rent....	Salary	Total.....	House Rent...	Salary			Amount Paid.....	Collections			
11	Malcom	W. N. Groome	\$725	\$150	\$875	\$513	\$150	\$663	\$46	\$6	11	35	\$50		
12	Montezuma	E. C. Brooks.....	1000	120	1120	1000	120	1120	90	18	35	21	150		
13	Newton.....	C. V. Cowan	1080	120	1200	1000	120	1200	90	20	35	21	115		
14	Newton Circuit.....	E. Handy	771	771	771	771	771	771	65	11	11	21	96		
15	New Sharon.....	W. B. Marsh	800	150	950	800	150	950	75	14	14	21	63		
16	Oskaloosa.....	M. Bamford	1500	270	1770	1500	270	1770	150	26	26	50	175		
17	Oskaloosa Circuit.....	D. R. Martin.....	500	500	400	400	400	400	35	5	4	3	60		
18	Pella	C. H. Westfall	650	100	750	712	100	812	45	6	6	10	45		
19	Reasnor	E. E. Doud	500	100	600	473	100	573	27	35	5	7	50		
20	Rose Hill.....	S. P. Souden	500	60	560	426	60	486	74	42	7	11	50		
21	Sonora	W. S. Kight	900	100	1000	840	100	940	60	85	81	12	1032		
22	Taintor	Alex. McBlain	490	35	525	383	35	418	107	60	48	6	472		
23	Thornburg.....	J. A. Sinclair	700	100	800	700	100	800	60	60	8	8	868		
24	What Cheer.....	A. W. Haines.....	700	120	820	600	120	720	100	60	8	6	788		
	Total		17741	2321	20062	16273	2321	18594	1530	1545	1472	250	231	20299	
														358	
														4571	
														1658	

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.

1	Agency.....	W. E. Patterson	625	150	775	625	150	775	.....	80	80	12	12	80
2	Albia	E. L. Schreiner	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150	.....	115	115	17	17	300
3	Attica	W. A. Jackson	600	60	660	600	60	660	.....	60	60	10	10	50
4	Blakesburg	F. B. Tucker	385	.....	385	320	.....	320	65	36	30	7	5	355
5	Brighton.....	W. H. Heppe	700	75	775	643	75	718	57	42	40	8	7	3
6	Cedar	J. M. Hooler	700	60	760	531	60	591	169	66	48	10	7	180
7	Chillicothe	John Bridges	550	60	610	505	60	565	45	65	59	10	9	100
8	Durham	W. B. Ireland	465	50	515	369	45	414	101	50	35	8	6	68
9	Eddyville	J. C. Caughlan	600	.....	600	580	.....	580	20	45	44	7	6	14
10	Fremont	W. S. Gardner	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	50	50	8	8	84

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.—CONTINUED.

11	Hedrick.....	C. R. Norton.....	700	120	820	700	120	820	.....	51	51	10	10	881	12	.....	12	125	75
12	Kirkville.....	C. S. Cooper.....	800	120	920	800	120	920	.....	80	80	12	12	1012	11	.....	11	162	62
13	Knoxville.....	J. W. Lambert.....	1100	200	1300	1100	200	1300	.....	120	120	20	20	1440	35	.....	35	555	160
14	Lovilia.....	H. B. Scoles.....	550	50	600	550	50	600	.....	60	60	10	10	670	20	.....	20	160	80
15	Martinsburg.....	C. W. Wilson.....	530	70	600	530	70	600	.....	60	60	8	8	668	15	.....	15	104	60
16	Marysville.....	W. L. Fry	410	30	440	343	20	363	76	52	46	9	8	414	11	.....	11	181	45
17	Melrose.....	J. E. Vahwinkle.....	400	.....	400	400	.....	400	.....	52	52	7	7	459	11	.....	11	100	25
18	Moravia.....	J. L. Ingham.....	700	100	800	600	100	700	100	58	48	9	7	755	10	.....	10	159	54
19	Ottumwa: First Church.....	F. E. Brush.....	1800	400	2200	1800	400	2200	.....	152	152	26	26	2378	47	.....	47	1056	113
20	Main Street.....	J. W. Lewis.....	700	200	900	700	200	900	.....	42	42	7	7	943	2	.....	2	256	36
21	Willard Street.....	I. P. Teter	700	175	875	645	175	820	55	50	40	10	9	869	7	.....	7	160	.....
22	Packwood	H. C. Millice.....	600	100	700	528	100	628	72	60	50	10	9	687	4	.....	4	75	50
23	Pleasant Plain.....	W. H. Dillon.....	600	.....	600	555	.....	555	45	46	40	8	7	602	12	.....	12	125	50
24	Richland.....	W. S. Moore.....	600	100	700	585	100	685	15	70	70	11	11	766	5	.....	5	85	25
25	Sigourney.....	E. J. Pike	750	120	870	750	120	870	.....	60	60	10	10	940	6	.....	6	108	50
26	Tracy.....	H. A. Ingham.....	450	60	510	450	60	510	.....	46	46	7	7	563	7	.....	7	105	50
27	Unionville.....	A. C. Boyd.....	650	80	730	551	80	631	99	48	42	8	7	680	10	.....	10	80	53
	Total.....		18365	2630	20995	17460	2615	20075	919	1716	1620	279	262	21957	359	.....	359	4771	1481

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

1	Burlington District.....	G. M. Tuttle, P. E..	18435	2836	21271	17640	2836	20476	820	1607	1571	272	262	22309	396	.....	396	4657	1749
2	Keokuk District.....	C. S. Cooper, P. E..	17550	2280	19830	16853	2250	19103	772	1745	1639	269	251	20908	319	.....	319	3563	1687
3	Muscatine District.....	J. C. W. Coxe, P. E..	19476	2876	22852	18339	2876	21215	1203	1575	1547	287	276	23038	358	30	388	4146	1962
4	Oskaloosa District.....	W. G. Wilson, P. E..	17741	2521	20062	16273	2321	18594	1530	1545	1472	250	231	20299	358	.....	358	4571	1658
5	Ottumwa District.....	D. C. Smith, P. E..	18365	2630	20995	17460	2615	20075	919	1716	1620	279	262	21957	359	.....	359	4771	1481
	Total, this year.....		91567	12043	104510	86565	12898	99463	5241	8188	7849	1857	1282	108596	1790	30	1820	21708	8537
	Total, last year.....		92622	12639	105321	86571	12655	100326	5260	8309	7916	1851	1271	.....	1800	1800	20581	8288	
	Increase.....		.....	244	.....	811	6	243	.....	.....	.....	6	11	.....	.....	30	20	1127	249
	Decrease		1055	.....	811	6	863	16	121	67	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

VI.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?

Edward J. Smith, deacon in first class, transferred from St. Louis German Conference.

2. Who have been Readmitted? None.

3. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?
None.

4. Who have been Received on Trial? (a) In studies of first year: Robert D. Pool, Marion L. Saunders, Wilford C. Keeler, Wilfred E. Snyder, Benjamin G. Hankins, Horace S. Wiley, E. Lloyd Tennant. (b) In studies of third year: Frederick C. Demorest.

5. Who have been Continued on Trial? (a) In studies of first year: Paul H. McBeth. (b) In studies of second year: Walter W. Williams, G. H. Hanawalt, Alexander McBlain, John H. Taylor, Frederick B. Tucker, D. R. Martin, George Schlenker. (c) In studies of third year: None. (d) In studies of fourth year: None.

6. Who have been Discontinued? William F. Hughes, discontinued that he may attend one of our schools.

7. Who have been Admitted into Full Membership? (a) Elected and ordained deacons this year: W. C. Barclay, Albert M. Mahaffie, William S. Shearer, William L. Fry. (b) Elected and ordained deacons previously: Hiram T. Robinson, David G. Abbott, George L. Minear.

8. What Members are in Studies of Third Year? (a) Admitted into full membership this year: Wade C. Barclay, Wm. L. Fry, Albert M. Mahaffie, George L. Minear, William S. Shearer, Hiram T. Robinson, Edward J. Smith. (b) Admitted into full membership previously: J. M. Hoober.

9. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year? Hardy A. Ingham, W. H. Dillon, James E. Vanwinkle, Charles E. Coggeshall, Harry R. Osborne, Harry B. Scoles, W. H. Perdew, John W. Pool, H. T. Robinson, A. M. Mahaffie, George L. Minear.

10. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study? (a) Elected and ordained elders this year: David G. Abbott, William L. Clapp, Hiram F. Gilbert, William B. Ireland, Edward J. Shook, William R. Jeffrey, Jr., John Hanks. (b) Elected and ordained elders previously: None.

11. What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons? (a) As local preachers: John Chacey, Charles E. Fitzsimmons, Herbert C. Hart. (b) Under missionary rule: None.

12. What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders? (a) As local deacons: None. (b) Under missionary rule: None.

13. Was the Character of each Preacher Examined? Yes. The case of I. A. Bradrick was referred to T. J. Myers and J. C. Willits for investigation.

14. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences? J. L. T. Lawson, transferred to North India Conference.

15. Who have died? William E. Patterson, John Burgess, Edward W. Twining, Thomas E. Corkhill. (See Memoirs.)

16. Who have been Located at their own Request? None.

17. Who have been Located? None.

18. Who have Withdrawn? None.

19. Who have been Permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints? None.

20. Who have been Expelled? C. W. Evans, expelled from ministry and membership; P. C. Hogle, deposed from ministry; H. E. Colby, expelled from ministry and membership.

21. What other Personal Notation should be Made? Parchment as local deacon restored to John Beale, on recommendation of Lovilia Quarterly Conference, and on motion of Annual Conference

22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? Banner Mørk F. W. Evans, W. C. Shippen, W. J. Spaulding, J. T. Simmons, J. S. Ferguson, I. N. Busby, John Davis, F. R. Holcomb, John Potter, A. Latimer, J. H. Arinacost, C. E. Corkhill, W. F. Mair, H. C. Ethell, J. G. Barton, W. N. Hall, J. J. Beckham.

23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers? Anthony Robinson, J. T. Coleman, Edmund H. Waring, Harrison Runyan, Michael See, O. P. Light, W. F. Cowles, John B. Hill, Joshua B. Hardy, A. W. Stryker, J. G. Thompson, Jesse Craig, S. H. Thomas, Nelson Wells, R. B. Allender, James Haynes, Isaiah A. Bradrick.

24. Who are the Triers of Appeals? W. R. Stryker, J. W. Lambert, W. P. Stoddard, A. V. Kendrick, W. G. Thorn, G. W. Pool, P. J. Henness.

25. What is the Statistical Report for this Year? See statistical tables.

26. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections as Reported by the Conference Treasurer? \$26,460.

27. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund? Effective preachers: Nothing. Superannuates and widows, \$6,500.

28. What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied? See Stewards' Report.

29. Where are the Preachers Stationed? See list of Appointments.

30. Where shall the next Conference be Held? Montezuma, Iowa.

VII.

APPOINTMENTS.

NOTE.—The figures denote the number of years in present appointment

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

G. M. TUTTLE, *Presiding Elder*, 2, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Ainsworth—George Filmer,	1
Burlington, First Church—R. F. Hurlburt,	2
" Grace—G. B. Swartz,	5
" West—U. S. Smith,	1
" Circuit—C. W. Powelson,	1
Columbus City—S. F. Bishop,	1
Columbus Junction—W. S. Kight,	1
Crawfordsville—W. L. Clapp,	2
Danville—B. M. Boydston,	1
Ft. Madison, First Church—J. C. Willits,	4
" Sante Fe Avenue—J. M. Coates,	1
Hillsboro—P. H. McBeth,	1
Kossuth—J. W. Pool,	1
Mediapolis—M. J. Pusey,	2
Morning Sun—A. E. Buriff,	1
Mt. Pleasant, First Church—W. P. Stoddard,	4
" Circuit—J. W. Fraker,	1
" West Circuit—Samuel Thiero,	2
Mt. Union—G. F. Cannom,	2
New London—E. E. Doud,	1
Salina—J. H. Taylor,	1
Sperry—B. G. Hankins,	1
Wapello—T. S. Pool,	3
Wayland—George Schlenker,	4
West Point—A. M. Mahaffie,	3
Winfield—John Hanks,	1

C. L. Stafford, President Iowa Wesleyan University, 6; F. W. Adams, 6; W. H. Mahaffie, 5; F. C. Demorest, 3; Professors. T. J. Myers, Treasurer and Agent, 1, of Iowa Wesleyan University; members of First Church Quarterly Conference, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

KEOKUK DISTRICT.

C. S. COOPER *Presiding Elder*, 1.—Post-office, Fairfield, Iowa.

Batavia—Hiram F. Gilbert,	1
Bentonsport—A. E. Thornley,	2
Birmingham—J. E. Wilkins,	1
Bloomfield—T. B. Hughes,	2
Cantril—S. W. Siberts,	1
Centerville—I. O. Kemble,	3
Cincinnati—G. W. Pool,	2
Drakeville—R. Weese,	2
Eldon—T. F. Barker,	2
Exline— <i>W. E. Snyder</i> ,	1
Fairfield—J. A. Boatman,	3
Farmington—G. W. Barber,	1
Keokuk, Chatham Square—P. J. Henness,	2
" First Church—R. L. Patterson,	3
Keosauqua—C. L. Tennant,	5
Keosauqua Circuit—C. W. Shepherd,	1
Libertyville— <i>Geo. L. Minear</i> ,	1
Milton—J. W. Potter,	2
Montrose— <i>W. S. Shearer</i> ,	2
Moulton—W. R. Jeffrey, Jr.,	3
Mt. Zion—E. S. Daly,	1
Mystic—R. Breeden,	1
Pulaski— <i>E. J. Smith</i> ,	1
Salem—J. W. Carson,	1
Selma—B. F. Shane,	3
Troy—W. M. Erskine,	2
West Grove—E. J. Shook,	2

C. W. Shepherd, Agent of Permanent Fund for Conference Claimants, 3.

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

J. C. W. COXE, *Presiding Elder*, 3.—Post-office, Washington, Iowa.

Amish—To be supplied by Alex. Telfer,	2
Blue Grass— <i>W. W. Williams</i> ,	2
Kalona—D. G. Abbott,	1
Keota—W. C. Chew,	2
Koszta—G. W. Byrkit,	1
Ladora—W. N. Potter,	4
Letts—D. C. Bevan,	2
Lexington—A. M. Smith,	4
Lone Tree—A. B. Hightshoe,	4
Marengo—W. R. Stryker,	3
Millersburg—John Bridges,	1
Muscatine, First Church—J. W. Hackley,	2

Muscatine, Park Avenue—Robt. D. Pool,	1
" Circuit—J. C. Kendrick,	3
Nichols—M. L. Sanders,	1
North English—J. R. Payne,	2
Oxford—W. C. Keeler,	1
Riverside—H. N. Smith,	2
Sweetland—H. R. Osborne,	1
Tiffin—W. C. Barclay,	3
Victor—C. H. Montgomery,	3
Washington—W. G. Thorn,	4
Webster—W. H. Jones,	2
West Chester—C. R. Zimmerman,	1
Wellman—J. E. Newsome,	2
West Liberty—I. B. Schreckengast,	3
Williamsburg—H. F. Pugh,	2
Wilton—J. F. Barnett,	4

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

W. G. WILSON, *Presiding Elder, 2.—Post-office, Grinnell, Iowa.*

Barnes City—W. C. Van Schoiack,	1
Beacon—G. H. Hanawalt (3), Frank J. Poage, supply,	1
Brooklyn—A. V. Kendrick,	2
Deep River—D. Phillips,	2
Delta—D. R. Martin,	1
Ewart—D. F. Stiles,	2
Grinnell—J. E. Corley,	2
Kellogg—Isaac Borts,	2
Lacey—W. A. Longnecker,	2
Lynnville—R. Collier,	4
Malcom—A. W. Haines,	1
Montezuma—E. C. Brooks,	3
Newton—C. V. Cowan,	3
Newton Circuit—Elias Handy,	2
New Sharon—I. P. Teter,	1
Oskaloosa, Central Methodist Episcopal Church—M. Bamford,	4
Oskaloosa Circuit—To be supplied,	...
Pella—C. H. Westfall,	3
Reasnor—D. S. Dunlavy,	1
Rose Hill—S. P. Souden,	2
Sonora—A. S. Loveall,	1
Taintor—A. W. McBlain,	3
Thornburg—J. A. Sinclair,	3
What Cheer—W. N. Groome,	1

C. F. Williams, Secretary Iowa Sabbath Association, 2, member of Newton Quarterly Conference. Post-office, Des Moines.

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.

D. C. SMITH, *Presiding Elder*, 5.—Post-office, Albia, Iowa.

Agency—Thos. Osborn,	2
Albia—E. L. Schreiner,	3
Attica—W. A. Jackson,	3
Blakesburg— <i>Fred B. Tucker</i> ,	2
Brighton—W. B. Marsh,	1
Cedar—H. C. Milice,	1
Chillicothe— <i>J. M. Hoober</i> ,	1
Durham—W. B. Ireland,	2
Eddyville— <i>J. E. Vanwinkle</i> ,	1
Fremont—W. S. Gardner,	4
Hedrick—Latham Ingham,	1
Iconium and Melrose— <i>E. Loyd Tenant</i> ,	1
Kirkville—J. C. Coughlan,	1
Knoxville—J. W. Lambert,	2
Lovilia— <i>H. B. Scoles</i> ,	2
Martinsburg—C. W. Wilson,	5
Marysville— <i>Wm. L. Fry</i> ,	2
Moravia—C. R. Norton,	1
Ottumwa, First Church—F. E. Brush,	2
" Main Street—J. W. Lewis,	3
" Willard Street—W. H. Heppe,	1
Packwood— <i>Chas. E. Coggeshall</i> ,	1
Pleasant Plain— <i>W. H. Dillon</i> ,	3
Richland—W. S. Moore,	3
Sigourney—E. J. Pike,	5
Tracy— <i>H. A. Ingham</i> ,	2
Unionville—A. C. Boyd,	2

U. B. Smith, Assistant Superintendent of the Iowa Children's Home Society, 3, member of First Church, Ottumwa Quarterly Conference. Left without appointment to attend school: Wm. F. Gilmore, W. H. Perdew, H. T. Robinson, J. M. McClelland. Warren A. Phelps, missionary in New Mexico.

VIII.

IOWA CONFERENCE ROLL AND RECORD.

1897-1898.

Number	Names	Relation	Entered Itinerancy		Post-Office Address	
			Church or Conference		Entered Iowa	Town
			When	...		
1	Abbott, David G.	E	Iowa	1895	Kalona	Washington.
2	Adams, Frank W.	E	"	1881	Mt. Pleasant	Henry.
3	Allender, Richard B.	Sd	"	1854	Bloomfield	Davis.
4	Armacost, James H.	Sy	Kentucky	1882		
5	Bamford, Morris	E	Iowa	1871	Oskaloosa	Mahaska.
6	Barber, Geo. W.	EE	"	1883	Farmington	Van Buren.
7	Barclay, Wade C.	E	"	1893	Tiffin	Johnson.
8	Barker, Thomas F.	E	"	1890	Eldon	Wapello.
9	Barnett, John F.	E	"	1884	Wilton	Muscatine.
10	Barton, James G.	Sy	"	1868	Mt. Pleasant	Henry.
11	Beckham, James J.	Sy	Arkansas	1888	Kirkville, Mo.	
12	Bevan, D. C.	E	Iowa	1871	Letts	Louisa.
13	Bishop, S. F.	E	Kentucky	1870	Columbus City	Louisa.
14	Boatman, J. A.	EE	St. Louis	1887	Fairfield	Jefferson.
15	Borts, Isaac	E	Iowa	1889	Kellogg	Jasper.
16	Boyd, Alexander C.	E	"	1880	Unionville	Appanoose.
17	Boydston, Boaz M.	Sd	"	1851	Danville	Des Moines.
18	Bradrick, Isaiah A.	E	"	1888	Englewood, Ill.	
19	Breeden, Richard	EE	"	1889	Mystic	Appanoose.
20	Bridges, John	E	"	1889	Millersburg	Iowa.
21	Brooks, Edward C.	E	Colorado	1870	Montezuma	Poweshiek.
22	Brush, Frank E.	E	Upper Iowa	1877	Ottumwa	Wapello.
23	Buriff, Arthur E.	E	Iowa	1890	Morning Sun	Louisa.
24	Busby, Isaac N.	Sy	"	1868	Brooklyn	Poweshiek.
25	Byrkit, George W.	E	"	1857	Koszta	Iowa.
26	Cannom, George F.	E	Bible Christian	1882	Mt. Union	Henry.
27	Carson, John W.	E	Iowa	1890	Salem	Henry.
28	Caughlan, John C.	E	"	1888	Kirkville	Wapello.
29	Chew, Wm. C.	E	Austin	1885	Keota	Keokuk.
30	Clapp, Wm. L.	E	Iowa	1893	Crawfordsville	Washington.
31	Coates, James M.	E	"	1860	Ft. Madison	Lee.
32	Coggeshall, Charles E.	E	"	1893	Packwood	Jefferson.
33	Coleman, James T.	Sd	"	1847	Burlington	Des Moines.
34	Collier, Richard	E	Prim. Methodist	1867	Lynville	Jasper.
35	Cooper, Charles S.	E	Missouri	1869	Fairfield	Jefferson.
36	Corkhill, Charles E.	Sy	Iowa	1886	Oskaloosa	Mahaska.
37	Corley, Joseph E.	E	"	1871	Grinnell	Poweshiek.
38	Cowan, Clarence V.	E	"	1880	Newton	Jasper.
39	Cowles, W. F.	Sd	Michigan	1843	Burlington	Des Moines.
40	Coxe, J. C. W.	E	Vermont	1864	Washington	Washington.
41	Craig, Jesse	Sd	Pittsburg	1845	Pueblo, Colo.	
42	Craver, S. P.	E			South America.	
43	Daly, Eugene S.	E	Iowa	1875	Mt. Zion	Van Buren.
44	Davis, John	Sy	New Connection	1869	Nashville, Ill.	
45	Demorest, F. C.	E	Iowa	1894	Mt. Pleasant	Henry.
46	Dillon, W. H.	E	"	1894	Pleasant Plain	Jefferson.
47	Doud, Edward E.	E	"	1885	New London	Henry.
48	Dunlavy, D. S.	E	St. Louis	1880	Reasnor	Jasper.
49	Erskine, W. M.	E	Iowa	1890	Troy	Davis.
50	Ethell, Henry C.	Sy	"	1890	Floris	Davis.
51	Evans, Frank W.	Sy	"	1851	Des Moines	Polk.
52	Ferguson, John S.	Sy	"	1865	Keokuk	Lee.
53	Filmer, George	E	New York East	1874	Ainsworth	Washington.
54	Fraker, J. W.	E	Iowa	1884	Mt. Pleasant	Henry.
55	Fry, William L.	EE	"	1895	Marysville	Marion.
56	Gardner, Winfield S.	E	"	1882	Fremont	Mahaska.
57	Gilbert, Hiram F.	E	"	1893	Batavia	Jefferson.
58	Gilmore, Wm. F.	E	"	1894	Boston	

CONFERENCE ROLL AND RECORD—CONTINUED.

Number	Names.	Relation	Entered Itinerary.		Post-Office Address.		
			Church or Conference.		Entered Iowa Conference	Town.	County.
			When . . . . .	.....		
59	Groome, Wm. N.	E	Iowa	1874	What Cheer . . .	Keokuk.	
60	Hackley, John W.	E	"	1882	Mnscatine . . .	Muscatine.	
61	Haines, Aaron W.	E	"	1869	Malcom	Poweshiek.	
62	Hall, W. N.	Sy	N'thwest Indiana	1873	1880		
63	Hanawalt, G. H.	E	Iowa	1896	Beacon	Mahaska.	
64	Handy, Elias	E	"	1890	Newton	Jasper.	
65	Hankins, Benj. G.	E	"	1897	Sperry	Des Moines.	
66	Hanks, John	E	"	1889	Winfield	Henry.	
67	Hardy, Joshua B.	Sd	Rock River	1842	Brooklyn	Poweshiek.	
68	Haynes, James	Sd	Iowa	1855	"		
69	Henness, Peter J.	E	"	1887	Keokuk	Lee.	
70	Heppe, Wm. H.	E	St. Louis German	1890	1893	Ottumwa	Wapello.
71	Hightshoe, Arthur B.	E	Iowa	1889	Lone Tree	Johnson.	
72	Hill, John B.	Sd	West Virginia	1852	1857	Agency	Wapello.
73	Holcomb, Frank R.	Sy	Iowa	1879			
74	Hoover, Jacob M.	E	"	1890	Chillicothe	Wapello.	
75	Hughes, T. B.	E	West Virginia	1857	1886	Bloomfield	Davis.
76	Hurlburt, H. F.	E	Upper Iowa	1882	1896	Burlington	Des Moines.
77	Ingham, Hardy A.	E	Iowa	1894		Tracy	Marion.
78	Ingham, Latham	E	Nebraska		1890	Hedrick	Keokuk.
79	Ireland, W. B.	E	Iowa	1893		Durham	Marion.
80	Jackson, Warren A.	E	"	1892		Attica	Marion.
81	Jeffrey, Wm. R.	E	"	1893		Moulton	Appanoose.
82	Jones, Wm. H.	E	"	1887		Webster	Keokuk.
83	Keeler, Wilford C.	E	"	1897		Oxford	Johnson.
84	Kemble, Ira O.	E	"	1865		Centerville	Appanoose.
85	Kendrick, A. V.	E	"	1873		Brooklyn	Poweshiek.
86	Kendrick, John C.	E	"	1869		Muscatine	Muscatine.
87	Kight, Winfield S.	E	"	1884		Columbus Junc . . .	Louisa.
88	Lambert, J. W.	E	West Virginia	1877	1885	Knoxville	Marion.
89	Latimer, A.	Sy	Illinois	1871	1879	Ottumwa	Wapello.
90	Lewis, John W.	E	Iowa	1882			
91	Light, Oliver P.	Sd	Illinois	1852	1867		
92	Longnecker, W. A.	E	Iowa	1892		Lacey	Mahaska.
93	Loveall, A. S.	E	West Virginia	1879	1886	Sonora	Poweshiek.
94	Mair, Walter F.	Sy	Iowa	1887		Pella	Marion.
95	Mahaffie, W. H.	E	Puget Sound		1893	Mt. Pleasant	Henry.
96	Mahaffie, Albert M.	E	Iowa	1894		West Point	Lee.
97	Mark, Banner	Sy	Ohio	1846	1860	<i>Los Angeles</i>	
98	Marsh, Waldo B.	E	S. W. Kansas	1877	1891	Brighton	Washington.
99	Martin, D. R.	E	Iowa	1896		Delta	Keokuk,
100	McBeth, Paul H.	E	"	1895		Hillsboro	Henry.
101	McBlain, Alexander	E	"	1896		Taintor	Mahaska.
102	McClelland, John M.	E	"	1892			
103	Millice, Henry C.	E	"	1885		Cedar	Mahaska.
104	Minear, George L.	E	"	1894		Libertyville	Jefferson.
105	Montgomery, Chas. H.	E	"	1873		Victor	Iowa.
106	Moore, W. S.	E	"	1890		Richland	Keokuk.
107	Myers, Thomas J.	E	"	1869		Mt. Pleasant	Henry.
108	Newsome, J. E.	E	"	1888		Wellman	Washington.
109	Norton, Charles R.	E	"	1872		Moravia	Appanoose.
110	Osborne, H. R.	E	Missouri	1892	1896	Sweetland	Muscatine.
111	Osborn, Thomas	E	Iowa	1889		Agency	Wapello.
112	Patterson, Ralph L.	E	Illinois	1882	1884	Keokuk	Lee.
113	Payne, J. R.	E	Iowa	1888		North English	Iowa.
114	Perdew, William H.	E	"	1894		<i>Boston</i>	
115	Phelps, Warren A.	E	Missouri		1892		
116	Phillips, David	E	Iowa	1890		Deep River	Poweshiek.
117	Pike, Elias J.	E	"	1868		Sigourney	Keokuk.
118	Pool, J. W.	E	"	1894		Kossuth	Des Moines.
119	Pool, George W.	E	Methodist Prot'st	1885	1889	Cincinnati	Appanoose.
120	Pool, Robert D.	E	Iowa	1897		Muscatine	Muscatine.
121	Pool, Thomas S.	E	"	1887		Wapello	Louisa.
122	Potter, John	Sy	"	1870		Lynnville	Jasper.
123	Potter, John W.	E	"	1887		Milton	Van Buren.
124	Potter, Wm. N.	E	"	1883		Ladora	Iowa.
125	Powelson, Chas. W.	E	"	1886		Burlington	Des Moines.
126	Pugh, Henry F.	E	"	1873		Williamsburg	Iowa.
127	Pusey, Morris J.	E	"	1887		Mediapolis	Des Moines.
128	Robinson, Anthony	Sd	Indiana	1836	1857	Ottumwa	Wapello.

CONFERENCE ROLL AND RECORD—CONTINUED.

Number	NAMES.	Relation	ENTERED ITINERANCY.		Entered Iowa Conference....	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			CHURCH OR CONFERENCE.	When.....		TOWN.	COUNTY.
129	Robinson, Hiram T.	E	Iowa	1894		Boston.	
130	Runyan, Harrison	Sd	"	1860		Sidney . . .	Fremont.
131	Saunders, Marion L.	E	"	1897		Nichols . . .	Muscatine.
132	Schlenker, George	E	"	1891		Wayland . . .	Henry.
133	Schreckengast, I. B.	E	"	1888		West Liberty .	Muscatine.
134	Schreiner, Edwin L.	E	"	1865		Albia . . .	Monroe.
135	Scoles, Harry B.	E	"	1894		Lovilia . . .	Mouroe.
136	See, Michael	Sd	"	1845		Mediapolis .	Des Moines.
137	Shane, Benjamin F.	E	"	1869		Selma . . .	Van Buren.
138	Shearer, Wm. S.	E	"	1895		Montrose . .	Lee.
139	Shepherd, Charles W.	E	"	1868		Keosauqua . .	Van Buren.
140	Shippen, Wm. C.	Sy	"	1852			
141	Shook, Ed. J.	E	"	1893		West Grove .	Davis.
142	Siberts, S. W.	E	"	1875		Cantril . . .	Van Buren.
143	Simmons, John T.	Sy	"	1856		Ottumwa . . .	Wapello.
144	Sinclair, James A.	E	"	1884		Thornburg . .	Keokuk.
145	Smith, Andrew M.	E	"	1889		Lexington . .	Washington.
146	Smith, David C.	E	"	1864		Albia . . .	Monroe.
147	Smith, Edward J.	E	St. Louis German.	1895	1897	Pulaski . . .	Davis.
148	Smith, Herman N.	Iowa	"	1888		Riverside . .	Washington.
149	Smith, Ulysses S.	E	"	1892		W. Burlington	Des Moines.
150	Smith, Uriah B.	E	"	1867		Ottumwa . . .	Wapello.
151	Souden, S. P.	E	"	1885	1896	Rose Hill . .	Mahaska.
152	Spaulding, W. J.	Sy	Indiana	1854	1856	Mt. Pleasant .	Henry.
153	Stafford, Charles L.	Iowa	"	1870		Mt. Pleasant .	Henry.
154	Stiles, D. F.	E	"	1896		Ewart . . .	Poweshiek.
155	Stoddard, Walter P.	E	New Engl. South.	1880	1891	Mt. Pleasant .	Henry.
156	Stryker, Almond W.	Sd	Indiana	1850	1856	Victor . . .	Iowa.
157	Stryker, Wm. R.	E	Iowa	1875		Marengo . . .	Iowa.
158	Swartz, George B.	E	"	1889		Burlington . .	Des Moines.
159	Snyder, Wilfred E.	E	"	1897		Exline . . .	Appanoose.
160	Taylor, John H.	E	"	1896		Salina . . .	Jefferson.
161	Tennant, Charles L.	E	"	1884		Keosauqua . .	Van Buren.
162	Tennant, F. Lloyd	E	"	1897		Iconium . . .	Appanoose.
163	Teter, Isaac P.	E	"	1853		New Sharon . .	Mahaska.
164	Thero, Samuel	E	"	1892		Mt. Pleasant .	Henry.
165	Thomas, Samuel H.	Sd	"	1860		Beacon . . .	Mahaska
166	Thompson, James G.	Sd	"	1853		Sigourney . .	Keokuk.
167	Thorn, William G.	E	"	1867		Washington . .	Washington.
168	Thornley, Arthur E.	E	"	1891		Bentonsport .	Van Buren.
169	Tucker, Fred. B.	E	"	1866		Blakesburg . .	Wapello.
170	Tuttle, George M.	E	Vermont	1870	1876	Mt. Pleasant .	Henry.
171	Van Schoick, W. C.	Iowa	"	1888		Barnes City . .	Mahaska.
172	Vanwinkle, James E.	E	"	1894		Eddyville . . .	Wapello.
173	Waring, Edmund H.	Sd	Baltimore	1850	1857	Oskaloosa . .	Mahaska.
174	Weese, Reuix	E	West Virginia	1873	1885	Drakeville . .	Davis.
175	Wells, Nelson	Sd	Iowa	1852			
176	Westfall, Chas. H.	E	Southeast Kansas		1893	Pella . . .	Marion.
177	Wiley, Horace S.	Iowa	"	1897		Beacon . . .	Mahaska.
178	Wilkins, John E.	E	"	1890		Birmingham . .	Van Buren.
179	Williams, Charles F.	E	"	1880		Des Moines . .	Polk.
180	Williams, Walter W.	E	"	1896		Blue Grass . .	Scott.
181	Willits, John C.	E	"	1891		Ft. Madison . .	Lee.
182	Wilson, Charles W.	E	"	1888		Martinsburg . .	Keokuk.
183	Wilson, William G.	E	"	1870		Grinnell . . .	Poweshiek.
184	Zimmerman, C. R.	E	"	1891		West Chester .	Washington.

NOTE.—E is for Effective; Sd for Superannuated; Sy for Supernumerary.

SUMMARY.

Members of Conference	168	Superannuates	17
Probationers	16	Supernumerary	18
Total	184	Effective	149
		Total	184

SESSIONS AND OFFICERS OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE.

NO.	TIME.	Year.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.	STATISTICAL SEC'Y.	TREASURER.
1	August 14-18	1844	Iowa City	Morris	H. W. Reed		
2	September 3-8	1845	Burlington	"	"		
3	September 2-7	1846	Bloomington	Hamline			
4	September 1-7	1847	Mt. Pleasant	Waugh	Joseph Brooks		
5	August 23-28	1848	Dubuque	Morris	H. W. Reed		
6	August 8-13	1849	Ft. Madison	Janes	Langdon Taylor		
7	August 7-12	1850	Fairfield	Hamline	J. G. Dimmitt		
8	August 6-11	1851	Davenport	Waugh	M. H. Hare		
9	Sept. 29 to Oct. 4	1852	Burlington	Anes	Joseph Brooks		
10	Sept. 28 to Oct. 4	1853	Oskaloosa	Scott			
11	Sept. 27 to Oct. 4	1854	Dubuque	Morris	H. W. Reed		
12	Sept. 26 to Oct. 3	1855	Keokuk	Simpson	Joseph Brooks		
13	September 24-30	1856	Mt. Pleasant	Janes			
14	September 24-29	1857	Des Moines	Ames			
15	September 8-14	1858	Fairfield	Morris	E. L. Briggs	E. H. Waring	
16	September 7-12	1859	Muscatine	Simpson	E. H. Waring	James Haynes	
17	Aug. 29 to Sept. 3	1860	Oskaloosa	Janes	"	Geo. N. Power	
18	August 21-26	1861	Burlington	Scott	"	"	
19	September 10-15	1862	Washington	Baker	"	"	
20	September 9-14	1863	Newton	Ames	"	"	
21	September 14-19	1864	Keokuk	Janes	"	"	
22	Sept. 27 to Oct. 2	1865	Mt. Pleasant	"	"		
23	Sept. 26 to Oct. 1	1866	Knoxville	Ames	"	John Haynes	
24	September 18-23	1867	Ottumwa	Scott	"	J. C. Brown	
25	September 3-7	1868	Burlington	Janes	"	Keinble, Schreiner	
26	September 1-6	1869	Muscatine	Thomson	"	Haynes, Byrkit	
27	Sept. 28 to Oct. 3	1870	Albia	Ames	"	"	
28	October 4-9	1871	Mt. Pleasant	"	"	Schreiner	
29	October 9-14	1872	Oskaloosa	Andrews	"	C. W. Shepherd	
30	September 17-21	1873	Washington	Bowman	"	Smith, Clark, Wilson	
31	September 16-21	1874	Bloomfield	Haven	"	Stafford, Byrkit, Shane	
32	September 15-21	1875	Keokuk	Merrill	"	"	
33	September 6-12	1876	Ottumwa	Wiley	Geo. N. Power	"	
34	September 5-10	1877	Fairfield	Ames	"	Myers, Shepherd	
35	September 4-10	1878	Brooklyn	Foster	"	"	
36	September 3-9	1879	Burlington	Harris	"	"	
37	September 8-13	1880	Centerville	Hurst	"	"	
38	Aug. 31 to Sept. 5	1881	Knoxville	Merrill	"	"	
39	September 6-11	1882	Muscatine	Wiley	"	"	
40	September 5-10	1883	Burlington	Simpson	"	Pugh	

SESSIONS AND OFFICERS OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE.—Continued.

NO.	TIME.	YEAR.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.	STATISTICAL SEC'Y.	TREASURER.
41	September 3-9	1884	Ottumwa	Foster	Geo. N. Power . . .	Myers, Pugh	C. W. Shepherd
42	September 10-15	1885	Mt. Pleasant	Ninde	"	" Adams	"
43	September 2-7	1886	Washington	Bowman	"	Adams	"
44	September 7-12	1887	Newton	Merrill	"	"	"
45	September 5-10	1888	Oskaloosa	Goodsell	"	"	"
46	September 4-9	1889	Burlington	Warren	"	"	"
47	September 4-8	1890	Grinnell	Joyce	"	"	"
48	September 2-7	1891	Muscatine	Foss	"	"	"
49	September 7-12	1892	Washington	Andrews	"	"	"
50	September 6-11	1893	Mt. Pleasant	Mallalieu	C. L. Stafford	"	"
51	September 12-16	1894	Fairfield	Fowler	"	"	"
52	September 11-16	1895	Ottumwa	Foster	"	"	"
53	September 9-14	1896	Knoxville	Newman	"	"	"
54	September 8-13	1897	Oskaloosa	FitzGerald	"	"	"

ROLL AND RECORD OF THE BISHOPS.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	Ent'r'd the Ministry.	Ordained Bishop.	NAME.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	Ent'r'd the Ministry.	Ordained Bishop.
Thomas Bowman	Evanston, Illinois	1839	1872	Willard F. Mallalieu	Boston, Massachusetts	1858	1884
Randolph S. Foster	Roxbury, Massachusetts	1839	1872	Charles H. Fowler	Buffalo, New York	1861	1884
Stephen M. Merrill	57 Washington St., Chicago	1846	1872	John H. Vincent	Topeka, Kansas	1853	1888
Edward G. Andrews	New York City	1848	1872	James N. FitzGerald	St. Louis, Missouri	1862	1888
Henry W. Warren	Denver, Colorado	1855	1880	Isaac W. Joyce	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1859	1888
Cyrus D. Foss	Philadelphia	1857	1880	John P. Newman	San Francisco, California	1848	1888
John F. Hurst	Washington, D. C.	1858	1880	Daniel A. Goodsell	Chattanooga, Tennessee	1859	1888
W. X. Ninde	Detroit, Michigan	1856	1884	Charles C. McCabe	Ft. Worth, Texas	1860	1896
John M. Walden	Cincinnati, Ohio	1858	1884	Earl Craunton	Portland, Oregon	1867	1896

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NAMES.	BIRTH.	DEATH.	MINISTRY.
Ferree, Uriah	Aug. 7, 1813	1846	1841 to 1846
Knight, William W.	Oct. 20, 1817	May 28, 1847	1844 to 1847
Arrington, Joel	1812	July 20, 1851	1833 to 1851
Ockerman, Joseph	1814	August 27, 1850	1842 to 1850
Vail, Solomon T.	1814	July 28, 1852	1849 to 1852
Jamison, Joseph	1814	1853	1851 to 1853
Bishop, Alfred	1814	1853	1847 to 1854
Wright, Ansel	1819	1854	1845 to 1859
Jay, John	1800	January 1, 1859	1821 to 1857
Clark, Samuel	June 11, 1811	February 9, 1857	1837 to 1860
McClasky, Isaac	December 15, 1836	February 27, 1860	1857 to 1860
Conrad, George W.	June 9, 1809	April 28, 1860	1847 to 1863
Hammond, J. Q.	February 2, 1832	March 23, 1863	1857 to 1862
Coiner, Erasmus T.	November 4, 1838	June 28, 1862	1860 to 1863
Byrkit, William A.	January 22, 1812	July 2, 1863	1837 to 1864
Simpson, William	April 9, 1836	February 22, 1864	1857 to 1864
Wayman, Manasseh B.	August 4, 1806	July 2, 1864	1837 to 1864
Stewart, Isaac I.	November 20, 1806	August 15, 1864	1837 to 1860
Bussey, Amos	February 13, 1815	January 18, 1865	1840 to 1866
Worthington, David	March 19, 1820	March 1, 1866	1856 to 1867
Crellin, Henry	August 30, 1817	January 1, 1867	1855 to 1866
Boyles, Thomas D.	December 23, 1817	December 16, 1867	1845 to 1868
Hare, Michael H.	May 16, 1792	July 27, 1868	1818 to 1859
Elliott, Charles	March 23, 1824	January 6, 1869	1854 to 1871
Bamford, George W.	July 23, 1830	April 18, 1871	1854 to 1865
Latham, James W.	March 22, 1828	January 1, 1872	1854 to 1872
Donaldson, David	December 8, 1842	July 21, 1872	1868 to 1872
Elliott, John	March 15, 1798	September 5, 1872	1821 to 1873
Power, John H.	April 17, 1832	January 26, 1873	1857 to 1873
Prather, Amos S.	August 2, 1814	April 1, 1873	1837 to 1861
White, James H.	February 21, 1818	July 17, 1873	1855 to 1873
Friend, George	May 22, 1849	October 21, 1873	1872 to 1874
Gortner, B. W.	August 3, 1825	August 21, 1874	1869 to 1875
Smith, David B.	July 1, 1837	March 30, 1875	1866 to 1872
Coddington, Eli H.	June 5, 1809	July 30, 1877	1873 to 1878
Hugans, John W.	April 7, 1815	April 12, 1878	1877 to 1878
Ludwig, Silas T.	April 11, 1809	July 20, 1878	1845 to 1875
Harris, John	January 6, 1816	July 29, 1881	1855 to 1881
Wheeler, John	March 2, 1807	June 18, 1881	1853 to 1874
Holland, Benjamin	May 21, 1813	January 17, 1883	1843 to 1881
Holtzinger, P. F.	August 23, 1845	May 20, 1883	1829 to 1870
Robinson, Richard S.	October 6, 1845	September 3, 1884	1841 to 1859
Woodford, L. C.	July 11, 1797	January 2, 1885	1871 to 1885
Freeland, J. S.	June 5, 1813	June 30, 1885	1876 to 1885
Berry, Eben C.	May 18, 1819	October 16, 1885	1833 to 1865
McDowell, Joseph	September 2, 1855	March 10, 1886	1837 to 1875
Kirkpatrick, T. M.	December 16, 1812	June 27, 1887	1843 to 1872
Johnson, Allen W.	March 31, 1833	September 3, 1888	1884 to 1888
Allison, Robert J.	September 27, 1811	April 10, 1888	1841 to 1865
Hayden, John	April 11, 1816	March 26, 1889	1859 to 1888
Haynes, John	August 16, 1822	March 27, 1890	1836 to 1879
Gassner, Joseph	March 3, 1829	June 18, 1890	1851 to 1890
Morey, Cyrus	October 20, 1817	November 24, 1890	1850 to 1892
Blackeney, James B.	July 29, 1841	June 26, 1891	1853 to 1885
McCutcheon, James H.	March 13, 1834	June 21, 1892	1874 to 1885
Reynolds, C. P.	July 5, 1858	June 22, 1892	1853 to 1892
Willey, G. F. W.	January 7, 1855	October 26, 1892	1856 to 1892
Hestwood, S.	1816	February 2, 1893	1859 to 1883
Power, G. N.	1828	May 22, 1893	1879 to 1892
Orr, John	July 5, 1825	May 31, 1893	1866 to 1893
Smith, S. C.	July 23, 1851	June 2, 1894	1883 to 1894
McDonald, J. W.	May 29, 1845	August 17, 1894	1880 to 1892
Wilson, R. G.	May 2, 1821	September 5, 1894	1836 to 1888
Dunn, C. S. H.	October 5, 1821	January 29, 1895	1853 to 1895
Shelton, O. C.	July 29, 1841	April 16, 1895	1851 to 1878
Murphy, D.	March 13, 1834	December 11, 1895	1855 to 1885
Clark, G. H.	July 5, 1825	July 24, 1896	1877 to 1896
Posten, Wm.	July 23, 1851	February 1, 1897	1871 to 1897
Robertson, J. F.	May 29, 1845	May 6, 1897	1843 to 1873
Patterson, W. E.	May 2, 1821	May 24, 1897	1846 to 1876
Burgess, John	October 5, 1814	April 24, 1897	1851 to 1890
Twining, E. W.	April 24, 1822	June 30, 1897	
Corkhill, T. E.			

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MINISTERS' WIVES.

NAMES.	BORN.	DIED.
Maria La Monte Cowles .	January 4, 1836	August 3, 1873.
Esther McDowell	November 7, 1792	November 26, 1872.
N. J. Rankin	August 8, 1873.	August 8, 1873.
Hannah Elliott Shane	April 27, 1873.	December 7, 1873.
Harriet Olive Shepherd	March 12, 1873.	March 12, 1873.
Josephine Rice	October 20, 1873.	October 20, 1873.
Jennie F. Busby	August 20, 1874.	August 20, 1874.
Mary N. Power	January 1, 1876.	January 1, 1876.
Harriet H. Gassner	December 23, 1877.	December 23, 1877.
Jane Johnson Briggs	June 20, 1878.	June 20, 1878.
Lucy Shelton	February 4, 1878.	February 4, 1878.
Martha A. Smith	August 23, 1878.	August 23, 1878.
Clara Ehrman Patterson	October 9, 1881.	October 9, 1881.
Ann C. Bean Clark	1882.	1882.
Elmira R. Allender	April 7, 1883.	April 7, 1883.
Milred Holland	October 11, 1883.	October 11, 1883.
Elizabeth Clark	1884.	1884.
Emma A. Wycoff	March 1, 1884.	March 1, 1884.
Irene Carnie	December 10, 1884.	December 10, 1884.
A. B. Busby	October 1, 1886.	October 1, 1886.
S. B. Swain	March 3, 1886.	March 3, 1886.
Jennie Robinson Adams	January 31, 1884.	January 31, 1884.
J. H. McCutcheon	July 30, 1885.	July 30, 1885.
J. W. Lewis	February 14, 1887.	February 14, 1887.
C. Morey	July 28, 1888.	July 28, 1888.
Mary A. Morgan Orr	September 28, 1887.	September 28, 1887.
Mary A. Waring	November 15, 1887.	November 15, 1887.
R. S. Robinson	July 15, 1889.	July 15, 1889.
Georgiana Y. Smith	October 12, 1889.	October 12, 1889.
Mary F. Coxe	November 11, 1889.	November 11, 1889.
Catharine Bamford	March 16, 1890.	March 16, 1890.
Sarah Waring	August 4, 1890.	August 4, 1890.
Matilda Brown Power	August 9, 1890.	August 9, 1890.
Martha W. Stryker	April 18, 1891.	April 18, 1891.
Christina S. Hooyer	July 26, 1891.	July 26, 1891.
Mary B. Kemble	July 30, 1891.	July 30, 1891.
Lucretia E. Worthington	September 19, 1891.	September 19, 1891.
Jane Collier	December 31, 1891.	December 31, 1891.
Martha A. Simmons	May 4, 1892.	May 4, 1892.
Louisa Dunlavy	September 27, 1892.	September 27, 1892.
Mary A. Holtzinger	December 20, 1892.	December 20, 1892.
Martha A. Schreiner	December 29, 1892.	December 29, 1892.
Mrs. D. C. Bevan	1892.	1892.
Nancy J. Smith	February 7, 1894.	February 7, 1894.
Ann Harris	April 7, 1894.	April 7, 1894.
Catherine Friend	August 8, 1894.	August 8, 1894.
Nancy Jane Light	August 4, 1895.	August 4, 1895.
Rebecca M. Boyles	March 24, 1895.	March 24, 1895.
Maria H. Woodford	October 27, 1895.	October 27, 1895.
Alice T. Johnson	February 25, 1896.	February 25, 1896.
Mary Jane Hill	March 3, 1896.	March 3, 1896.
Emily Amelia Hardy	December 1, 1896.	December 1, 1896.
Sarah Ann Robinson	June 18, 1897.	June 18, 1897.